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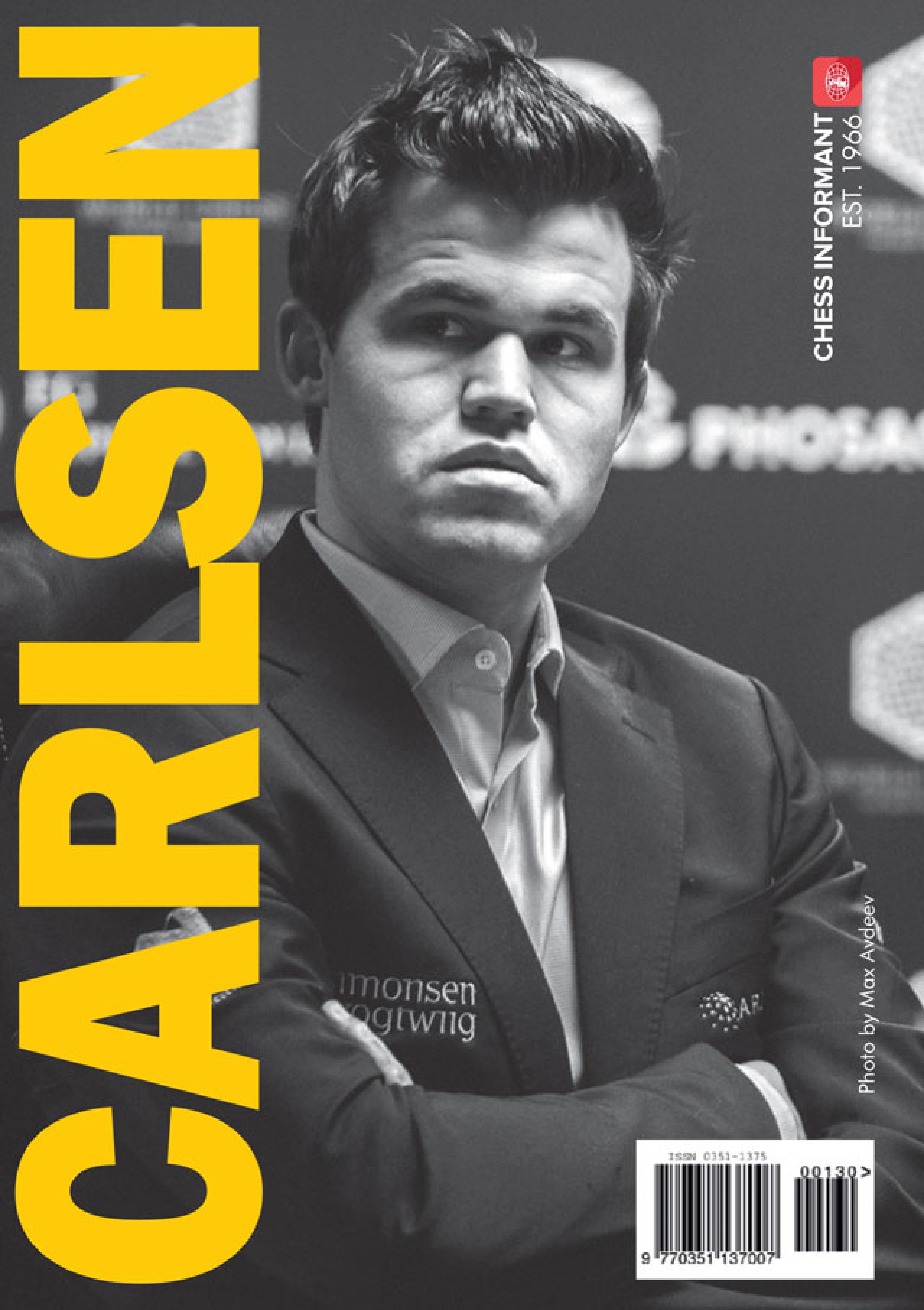
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⩲	white stands slightly better
⩱	black stands slightly better
±	white has the upper hand
∓	black has the upper hand
+−	white has a decisive advantage
−+	black has a decisive advantage
=	even
∞	unclear
=∞	with compensation for the material
↻	development advantage
○	greater board room
→	with attack
↑	with initiative
⇄	with counter play
ʘ	zugzwang
#	mate
!	a very good move
!!	an excellent move
?	a mistake
??	a blunder
!?	a move deserving attention
?!	a dubious move
Δ	with the idea
□	only move
⌓	better is
⊞	centre
⟫	king's side
⟪	queen's side
×	weak point
⊥	endgame
◪	bishops of opposite color
◼	bishops of the same color

○ ○	double pawns
♂	passed pawn
>	advantage in number of pawns
⊕	time
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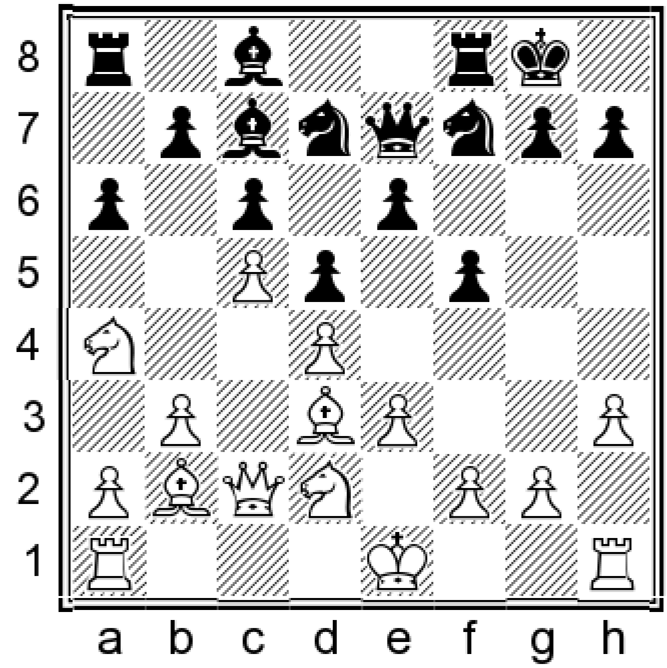
N	a novelty
(ch)	championship
(izt)	interzonal tournament
(ct)	candidates' tournament
(m)	match
(ol)	olympiad
corr.	correspondence game
RR	editorial comment
R	various moves
∟	with
–	see

THE BEST GAME OF THE PRECEDING VOLUME

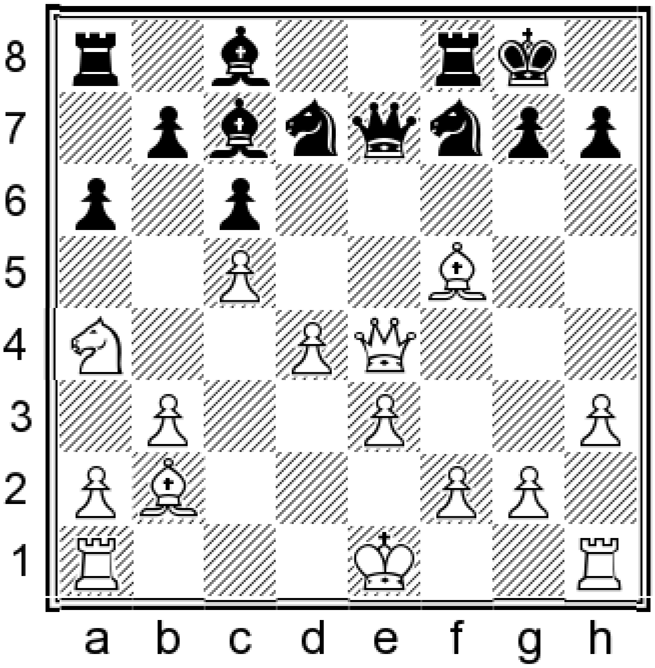
Editors' Pick

129/32. A84
Ig. Kovalenko 2667 — A. Korobov 2656
Poikovsky 2016

1.c4 e6 2.♘c3 d5 3.d4 c6 4.e3 ♘d7 5.♕c2 [5.♘f3 f5 6.♗d3 ♘h6 7.b3 ♗d6 8.♗b2 0-0 9.0-0∞ - 116/27] **5...a6!?** [5...♘gf6] **6.♘f3 f5!?** [6...♘gf6 - D 45] **7.b3** [7.♗d3!?±] **7...♗d6**N [7...♘gf6 8.♘g5 (8.♗b2 ♘e4 9.♗d3±) 8...♘b8 9.♗b2±] **8.♗d3± ♘h6** [8...♘gf6 9.0-0 0-0 10.♗b2±] **9.♗b2** [9.0-0!?±] **9...♕e7 10.h3** [10.0-0 0-0 11.♘e2±] **10...0-0 11.c5?!** [11.0-0 ♘f7 12.♖fd1±] **11...♗c7 12.♘a4** [12.0-0 ♘f7∞] **12...♘f7 13.♘d2?!** [13.0-0 ♖b8 14.♘d2=; 13...g5∞]



13...e5!∓ 14.♗f5 e4 15.♘e4? [⌓ 15.0-0-0 ♘h6 16.♗d7 ♗d7∓] **15...de4 16.♕e4**



16...♕g5! [16...♕e4 17.♗e4 ♘f6 18.♗d3 ♖e8 19.0-0 g6∓] **17.♗h7 ♔h8 18.h4?** [⌓ 18.♕c2 ♘f6 19.♗d3 ♘d5 20.0-0-0 ♘b4∓] **18...♕h6! 19.♗g6** [19.♗f5 ♘f6 20.♕c2 ♗f5 21.♕f5 ♘d5 22.♕d3 ♕f6 23.♕e2 ♖ae8–+] **19...♘f6 20.♕e7** [20.♕c2 ♘g4–+] **20...♗a5** [20...♔g8 21.♕c7 ♕g6 22.0-0 ♗f5∓] **21.♗c3 ♔g8!!–+** [21...♗e6? 22.♕e6 ♗c3 23.♘c3 ♕g6 24.♘e2 ♕g2 25.♕h3 ♕e4∓] **22.♗a5 ♕g6 23.♘b6?!** [⌓ 23.♕c7 ♕g2 24.0-0-0 ♕f2 25.♗d2 ♘d5 26.♕h2 ♕f3 27.♖hf1 ♕e4–+] **23...♗g4 24.♕c7** [24.♘a8 ♘d5!–+] **24...♕d3 25.f3 ♕e3 26.♔f1 ♗f5** [**27.♖d1 ♘g4 28.♕g3 ♖ae8–+**; 26...♘e4 27.♗e1 ♘e5 28.de5 ♗f3–+]

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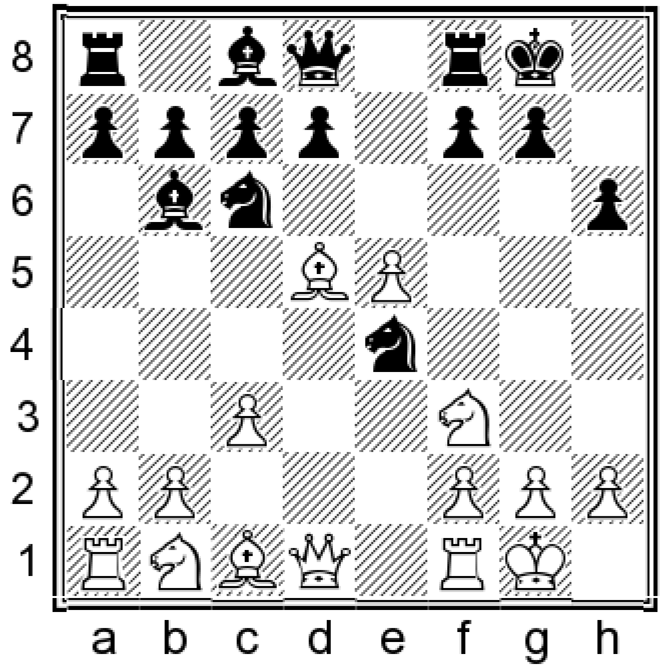
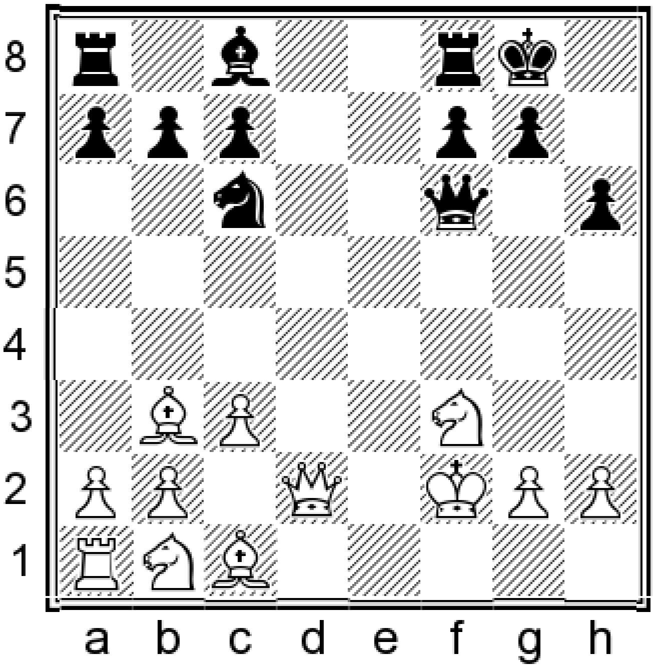
Editors' Pick

129/109. C54
W. So 2771 — Aronian 2792
Saint Louis 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d3 0-0 6.0-0 h6 [6...d6 - 127/115] **7.d4** [7.b4!?] **7...♗b6 8.de5 ♘e4 9.♗d5** [9.♕d5 ♘f2!? 10.♖f2 d6∞]



9...♘f2!N [9...♘c5] **10.♖f2 d6 11.ed6 ♕d6 12.♗b3 ♗f2 13.♔f2 ♕f6 14.♕d2?!** [14.♗e3!?; 14.♔g1!?]



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1/2 : 1/2 A.Čolović

C54

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d3 0-0 6.0-0 h6 7.d4 ♗b6 8.de5

8...♘g4 9.♗f4 ♕e8 10.♘bd2 1 **♘ce5** 2 **11.♕e2 ♘c4 12.♘c4 d5 13.♘b6 ab6 14.e5** 3 **f6 15.♕d2** 4 **c6 16.♖fe1 fe5** 5 **=**
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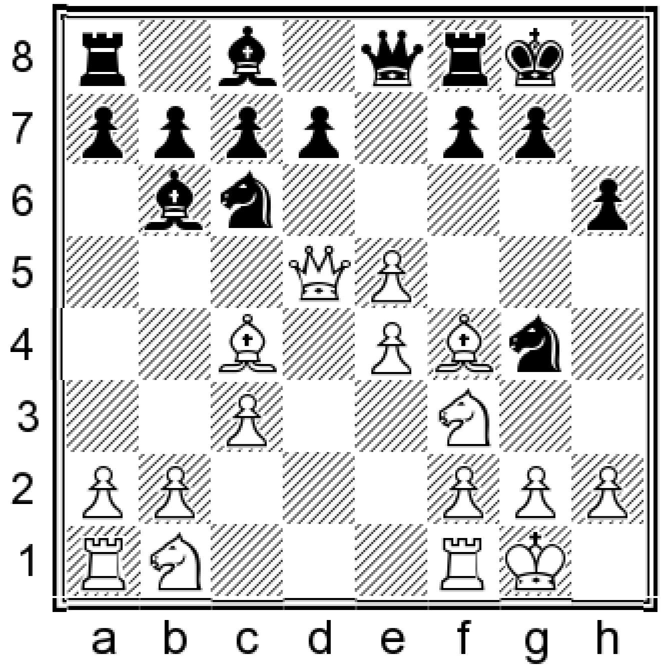

10...♘e7! 11.♕d2 ♘g6

a) 12.♗e3?! ♘6e5 [12...♘4e5 13.♘e5 ♘e5= Trygstad 2342 - Plakalović 2258, Rogaška Slatina 2011] 13.♘e5 ♗e3 14.fe3 ♕e5 15.♖f4 d6∓;

b) 12.a4 ♘4e5 13.♘e5 ♘e5 14.♗d5 c6 15.♗b3 ♗c7 16.♕e2 d6∞

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10...♘ge5 11.♗d5 d6 12.h3 ♘e7 13.♗b3 ♘7g6 14.♗g3 ♘f3 15.♕f3 ♗e6∞;
12...♕e7∞

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14.♗c7 de4 15.♘d4 ♕e7 16.♗g3 [16.♗b6? ♕d6–+] 16...♗d7 17.h3 ♘f6∞

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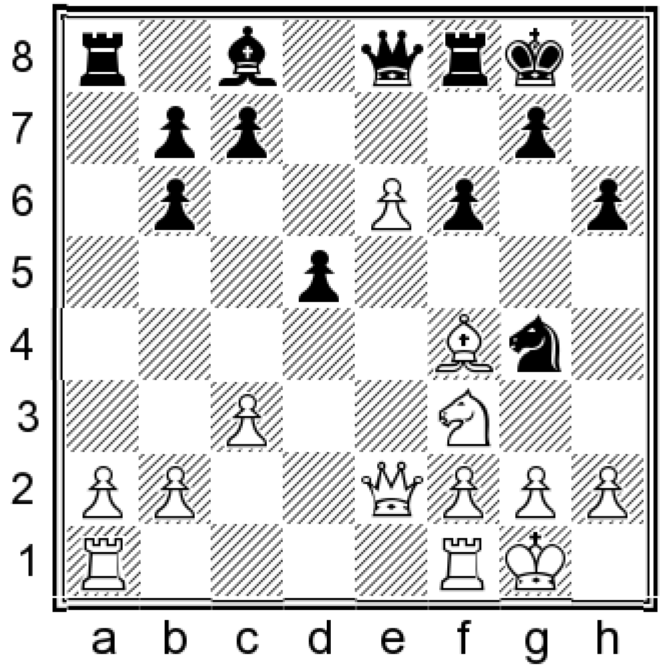

15...♘e5! 16.♗e5 ♕e6 17.a3 fe5 18.♘e5 ♕d6 19.♖ae1 ♗f5=

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17.♘e5 ♘e5 18.♗e5 ♕f7 19.a4 ♗f5 20.b3 ♖ae8 21.f3 ♖e7 22.♖e3 ♖d8 23.♖ae1 c5 24.♕f2 ♖ed7 25.♖3e2 d4 26.cd4 1/2 : 1/2 Jü. Kühn - D. Meifert, corr. 2008

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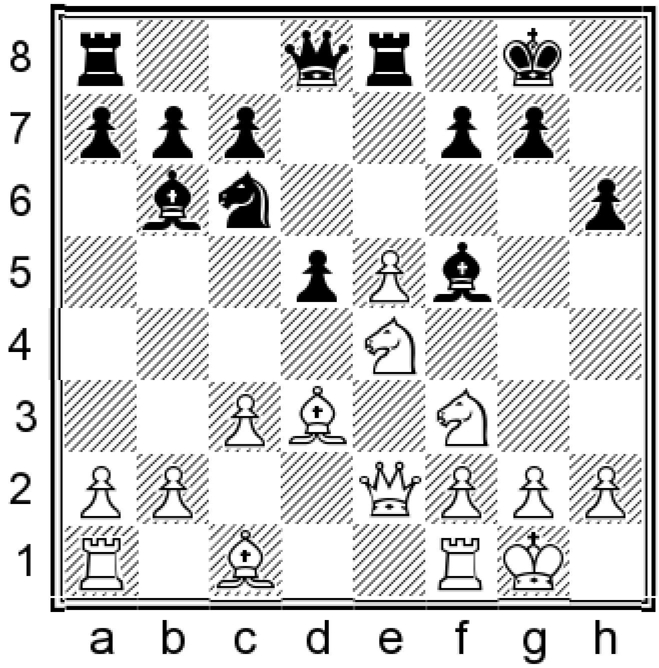
9.b4?! d6 10.ed6 [10.♕d3 ♗f5 11.♕e2 ♘e5∓ Moncayo Romero 2142 - Lematschko 2195, Dresden (ol) 2008] 10...♘d6 11.♗d3 ♗g4∓;

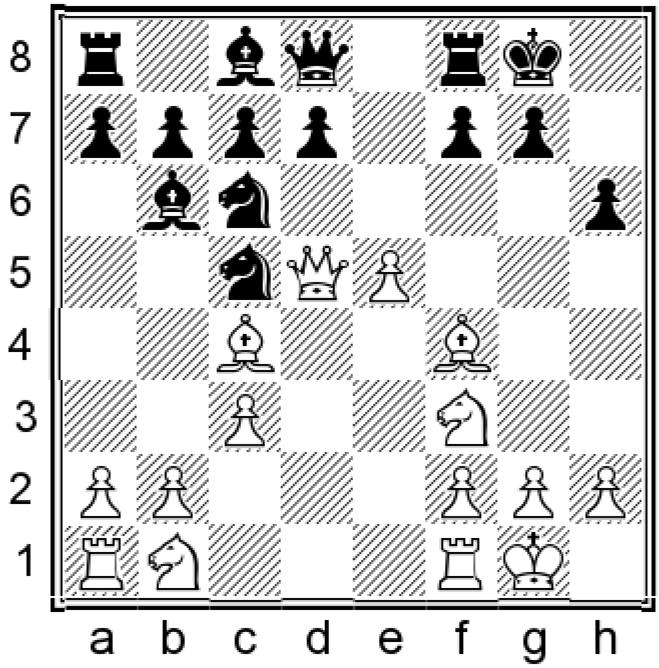
9.♘bd2?! d5 10.♗d3 [10.ed6 ♘d6 11.♗d3 ♕f6 12.♕c2 ♖e8∓] 10...♗f5 [10...♘d2 11.♗d2 ♗g4∓] 11.♕c2 [11.♕e2? ♖e8 12.♘e4



12...♘e5! 13.♘e5 ♖e5 14.♗f4 ♖e6∓ C.Astengo 2119 - Pascot 1873, Aix-les-Bains 2011] 11...♘d2 12.♗d2 ♗g4∓;

9.♕d5

a) 9...♘c5 10.b4 [10.♗f4?!



10...d6! 11.♕d1 (M. Leutschaft 2127 - Vassileva 1732, Montréal 2010) 11...de5 12.♕d8 ♖d8 13.♘e5 ♘e5 14.♗e5 ♗f5

15.♘a3 ♖d7∓] 10...♘e7 11.♕d1 ♘e4 12.♗d3 d5 13.ed6 [13.♕c2 c6 14.♗b2 ♖e8 15.c4 ♗g4 16.c5 ♗c7 17.♗e4 de4 18.♕e4 ♗f3 19.♕f3 ♘g6∓ 1/2 : 1/2 Repková 2381 - Zvarík 2119, Zvolen 2008] 13...♘d6 14.c4 c5 15.♗e3 ♘df5 16.♗c5 ♗c5 17.bc5 ♘c6 18.♖e1 ♕a5 19.♘bd2 ♕c5∞;

b) 9...♘f2!? 10.♖f2 d6∞;

9.♗f4 ♘e7 10.♘a3 d5 11.ed6 cd6 12.♘b5 d5 13.♗b3 ♗g4 14.♘bd4 ♘c6= L.-I. Aldea 2181 - C. Georgescu, Bucureşti 2000

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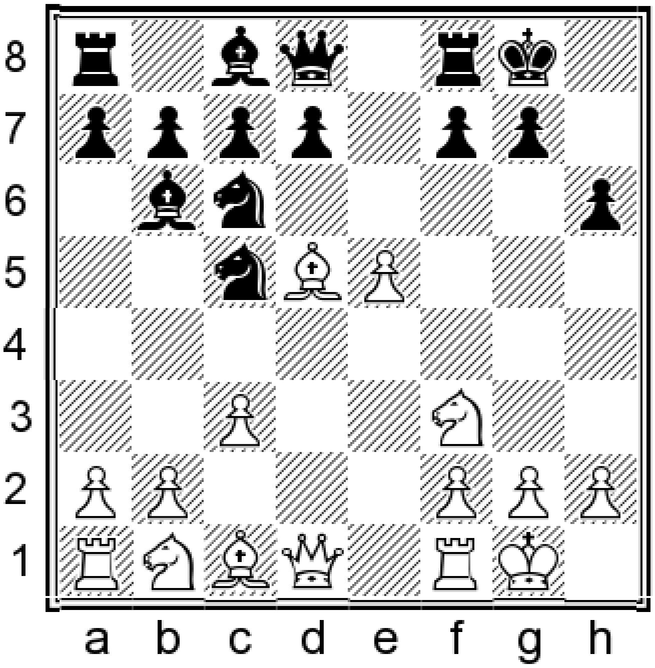
9...♘c5



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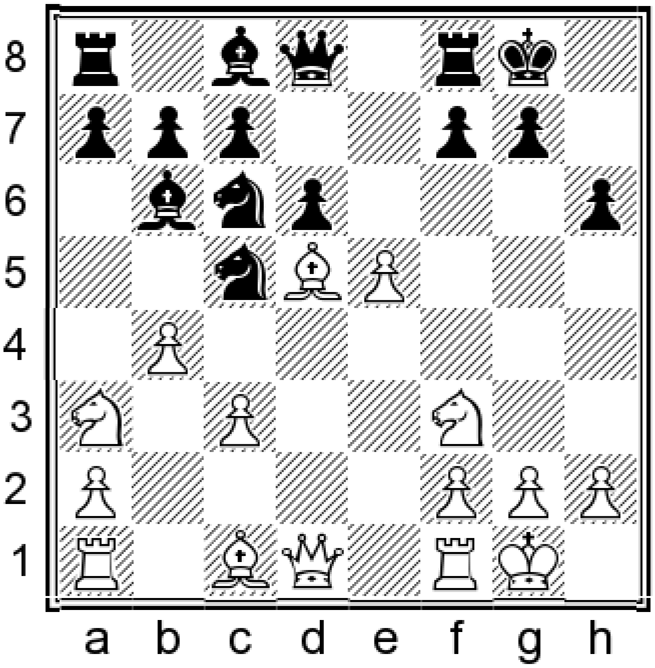
20...♘g6∞;

b) 10.♘a3 d6 11.b4 [11.ed6 ♕d6 12.♘c4 ♕f6 13.b4 ♘e6 14.♕c2]



b1) 11...♘e6 12.ed6 ♕d6 13.♘c4 ♕d8 14.a4↑ Mur. Karthikeyan 2477 - Sathananthan 1628, Dindigul 2014;

b2) 11...♘d7! 12.ed6 [12.♗c6 bc6 13.ed6 ♘f6 - 12.ed6] 12...♘f6

b21) 13.♗c6 bc6 14.dc7 [14.♗f4 cd6 15.♕d6 ♗a6=∞] 14...♕c7 15.♗d2 ♗e6=∞;

b22) 13.♗b3 cd6 14.♘c4 ♗c7 15.♗f4 d5=;

c) 10.a4 a5 [10...a6 11.♘a3± Garnelis 2179 - Vaičekauskas 1825, Lietuva 2009] 11.♗f4 ♘e7 12.♗a2 ♘g6 13.♗g3 ♘e4 14.♕d3 ♘g3 15.hg3± V. Shen 2117 - A. Orujov, Kemer 2007

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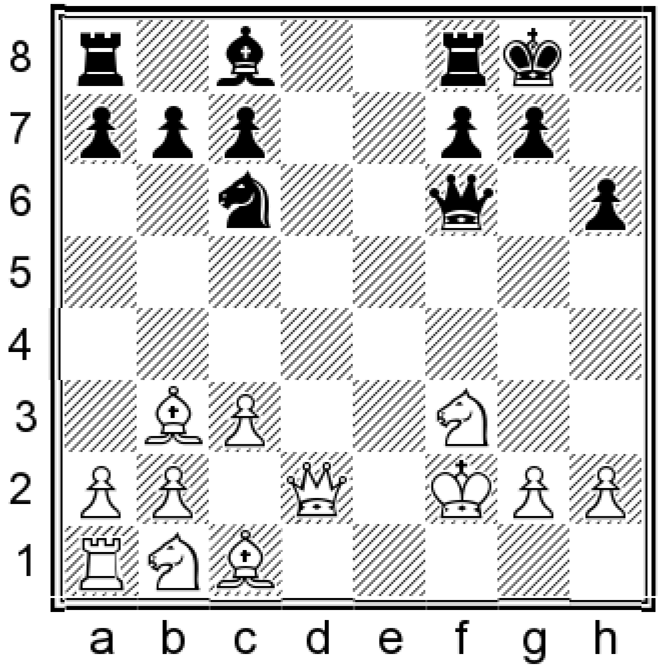
14.♕d2?!



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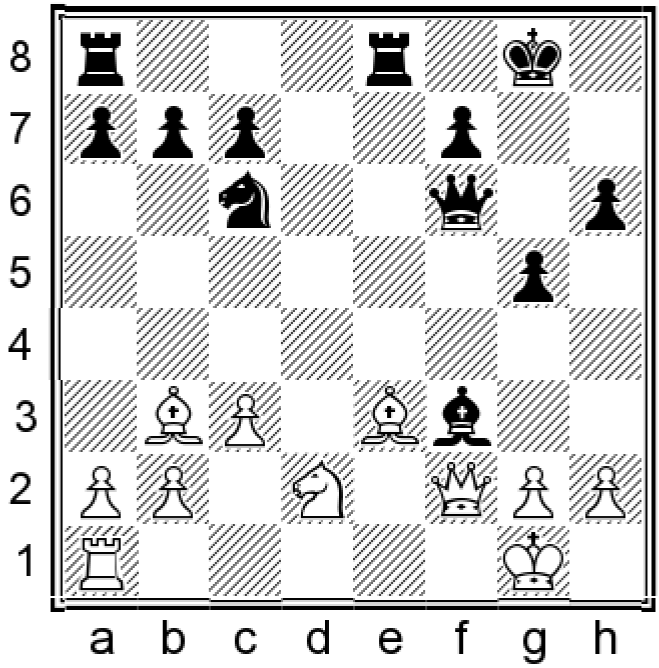

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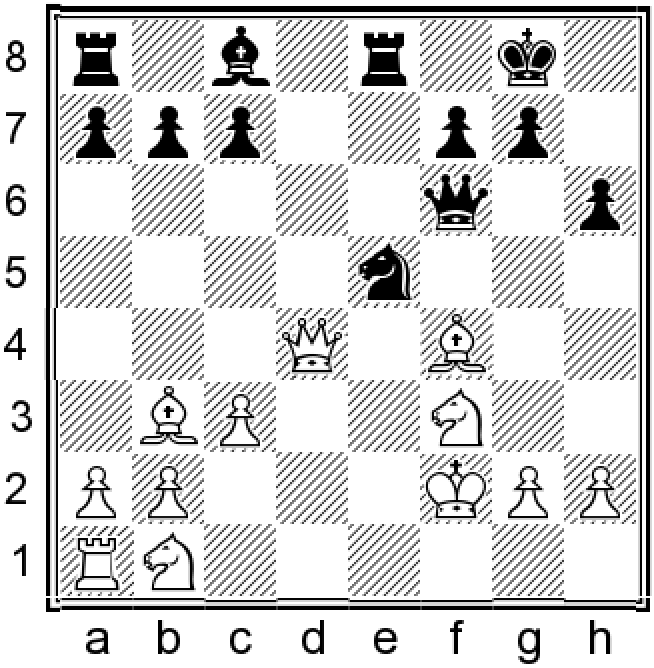

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14.♔g1!?

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15.♘bd2 ♗e6∞

G. Arsović

CARLSEN - KARJAKIN

New York 2016

6:6; 3:1

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GET READY FOR A ROUGH RIDE!

The 2016 World Championship match was without a doubt the most memorable one I ever experienced. I may have felt differently if I had discovered chess before 2002 or started following the game seriously before 2007, but in recent years, this match really stood out. Magnus Carlsen is by far the strongest chess player in the world, and he demonstrated this with two very convincing victories over Anand in the previous two editions. But this time, he was in for a rougher ride.

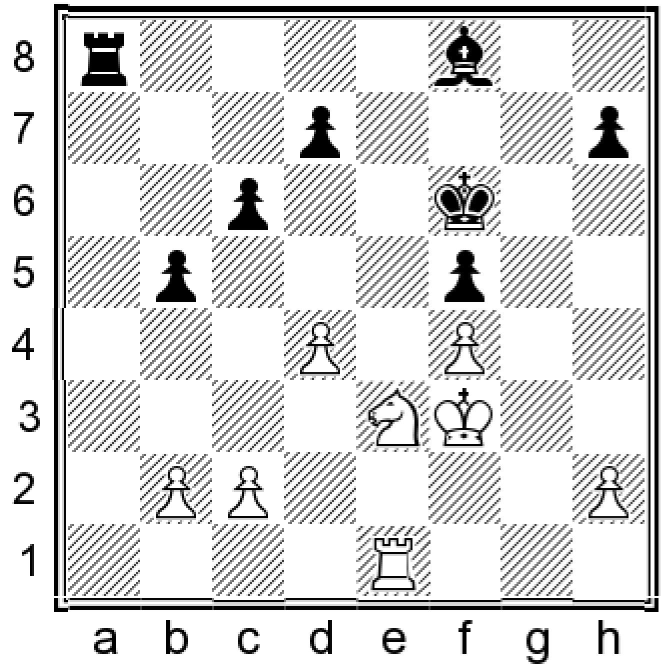
I got a little bit of an inside scoop of what was going on because I was enlisted to help the reigning World Champion in his preparation. However, I had a limited role – I did some analysis at a training camp in Kragero, Norway (along with some other seconds), but I was not in contact with Magnus or his team during the match. While I will not reveal what analysis any of us did or what specific lines Magnus had in mind, I can say that his general strategy was the same as always – get a playable position, don't fret too much about not getting anything with White, and win the game by being the stronger player.

NEW YORK, XI 2016 **FIDE World Chess Championship 2016**															
Time Control: 100 minutes for the first 40 moves, 50 minutes for the next 20 moves and then 15 minutes for the rest of the game plus an additional 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.															
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
CARLSEN	g	2853	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	1	½	½	**6**
KARJAKIN	g	2772	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	0	½	½	**6**

Rapid Tie-break:							
Time Control: 25 minutes + 10 seconds increment per move.							
			1	2	3	4	
KARJAKIN	g	2772	½	½	0	0	**1**
CARLSEN	g	2853	½	½	1	1	**3**

From the get-go, this seemed very feasible. After two relatively uninteresting draws in games 1 and 2, Magnus looked sure to take the lead in game 3. But it wasn't to be.

Carlsen 2853 – Karjakin 2772
New York (m/3), 2016



Samuel Shankland

- **Country:** USA
- **Born:** 1991
- **Rating:** 2674
- **Peak rating:** 2679
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2011

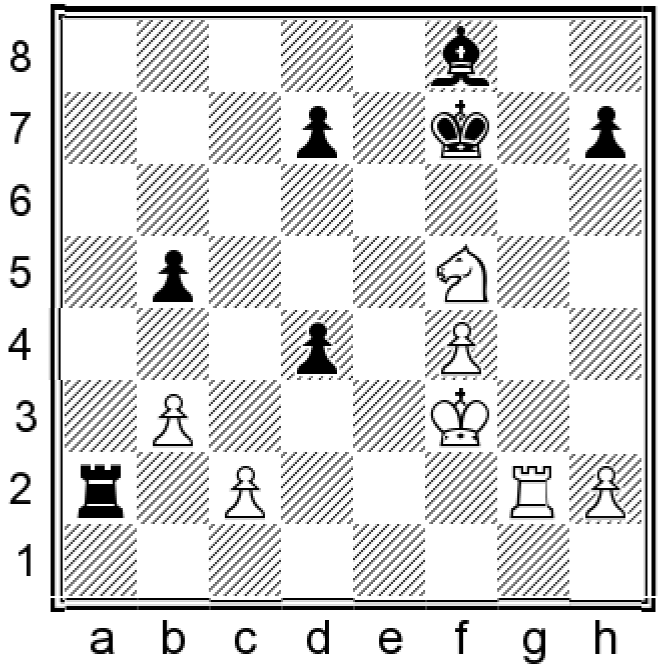
30.♖g1 ♖a2?! The start of Black’s problems
[30...♗h6!= 31.♖g3 ♖a4!]

31.b3!
Now Black has some trouble stopping ♖g5.

31...c5
[31...♗h6 32.♖g3 and ♖h3 is coming.]

32.♖g8
[32.♖g5 also secures an edge but the text move is fine.]

32...♔f7 33.♖g2! cd4 34.♘f5

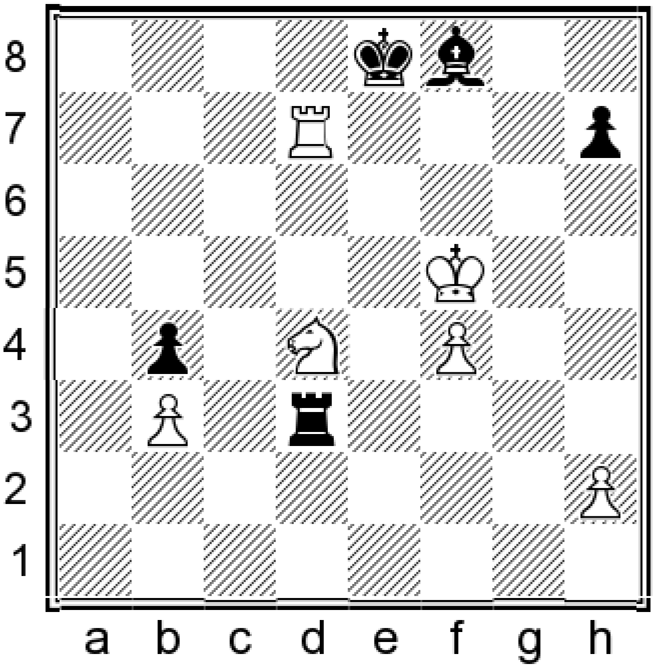


Black is losing a pawn on the spot, but the reduced material offers him some drawing chances.

34...d3! Compromising White's structure.
[34...♗c5? 35.♔e4± and White wins the pawn while keeping his queenside solid and intact.]

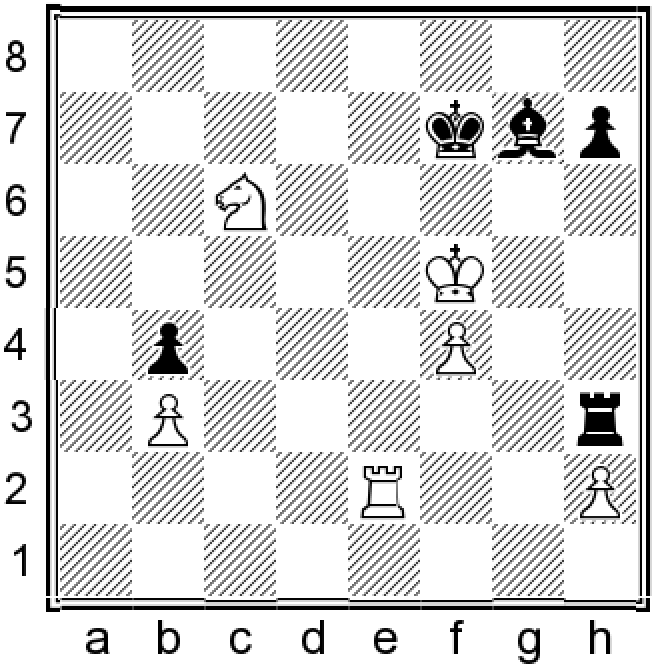
35.cd3 ♖a1 36.♘d4 b4 37.♖g5 ♖b1 38.♖f5 ♔e8 39.♖b5 ♖f1 40.♔e4 ♖e1 41.♔f5 ♖d1 42.♖e5
[42.♖b8 ♔e7 43.♔e4 also looked very strong.]

42...♔f7 43.♖d5 ♖d3 44.♖d7 ♔e8



With so few pawns left on the board, White has to be careful not to let them all get traded.

45.♖d5 ♖h3 46.♖e5 ♔f7 47.♖e2 ♗g7 48.♘c6

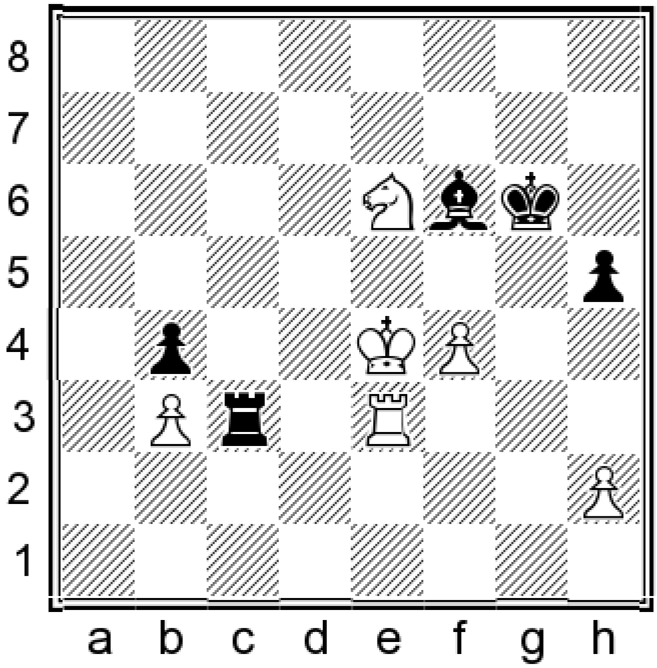


48...♖h5
[Tempting as it might be to equalize material, 48...♖b3? loses on the spot: 49.♘d8!

A) 49...♔g8 50.♖e8 ♗f8 51.♔f6! (51.♘e6 This also wins of course but the text is just mate.);

B) 49...♔f8 50.♘e6 ♔f7 51.♘g5 ♔f8 52.♘h7 ♔g8 53.♔g6 and Black is mated.]

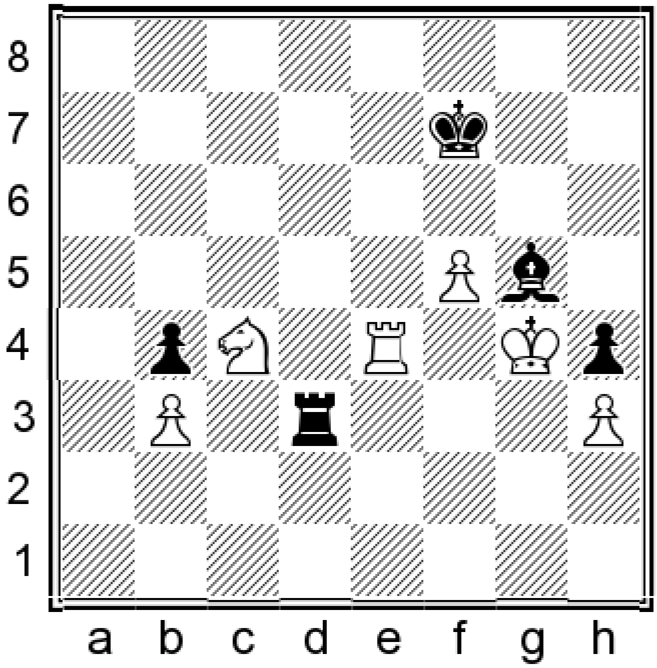
49.♔g4 ♖c5 50.♘d8 ♔g6 51.♘e6 h5! 52.♔f3 ♖c3 53.♔e4 ♗f6 54.♖e3



54...h4
[54...♖e3 55.♔e3 ♔f5 56.♘c7! and White wins; 54...♖c2 might have been stronger.]

55.h3 ♖c1 56.♘f8 ♔f7 57.♘d7 ♔e6 58.♘b6 ♖d1 59.f5 ♔f7 60.♘c4 Karjakin has defended admirably to keep White's advantage to a minimum for so long.

60...♖d4 61.♔f3 ♗g5 62.♖e4 ♖d3 63.♔g4



63...♖g3?!

[63...♗f6 was more accurate to avoid ♘d6.]

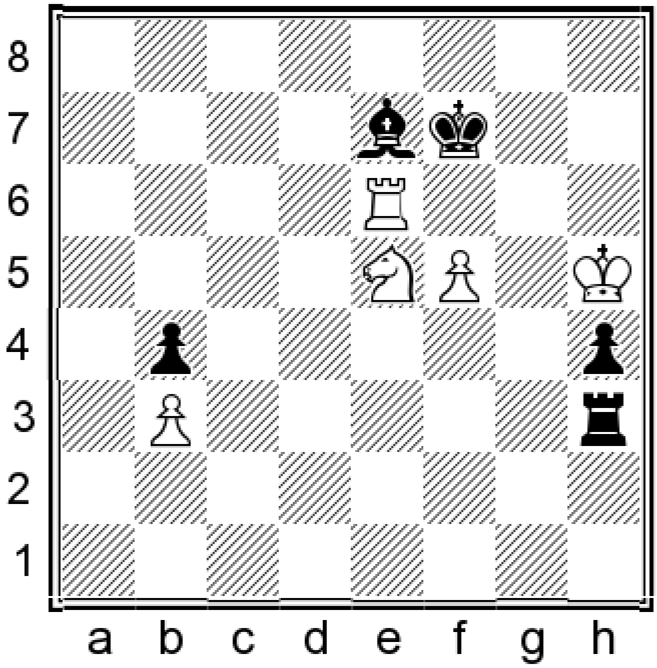
64.♔h5 ♗e7

[64...♗f6? 65.♘d6 shows why Black should not have included the check on g3.]

65.♘e5! ♔f6 66.♘g4 ♔f7 67.♖e6!

All of a sudden White coordinates extremely well. Black cannot save his bishop.

67...♖h3 68.♘e5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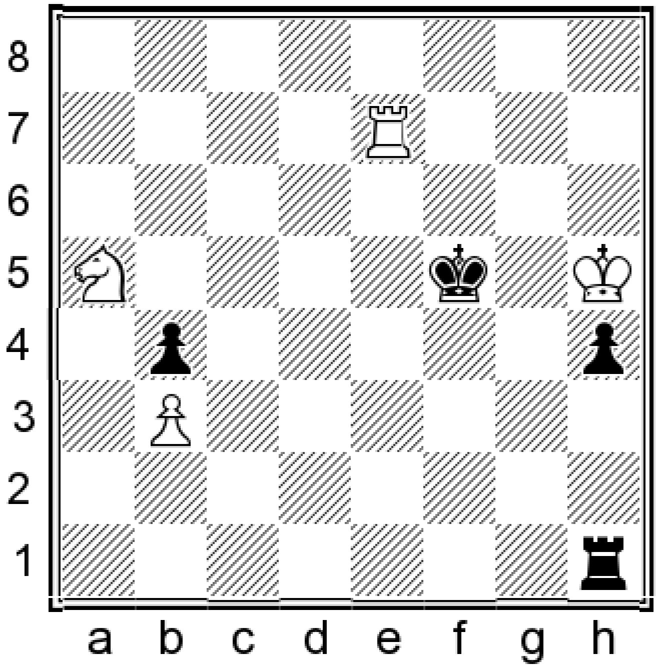
68...♔g7! The bishop was lost no matter what, bur at least now Black gets some pawns.
[68...♔f8 69.♘g6; 68...♔e8 69.♘g6; 68...♔g8]

69.♖e7 ♔f6 70.♘c6 ♔f5 71.♘a5 ♖h1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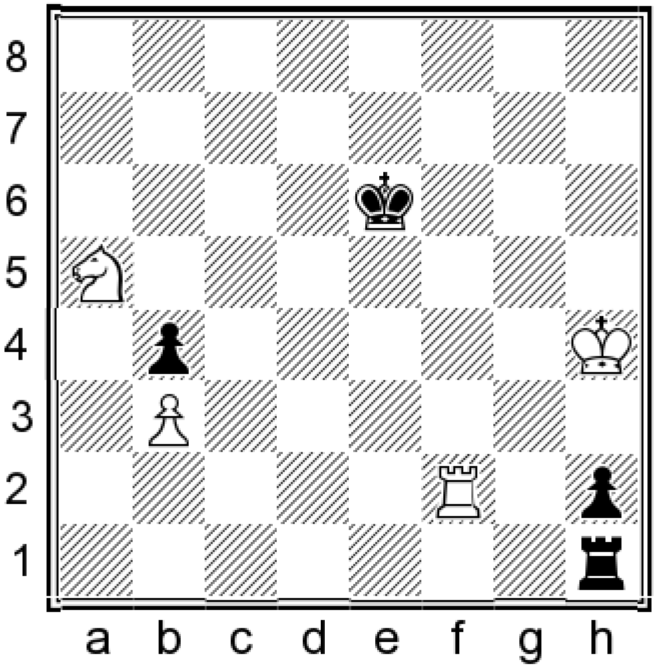
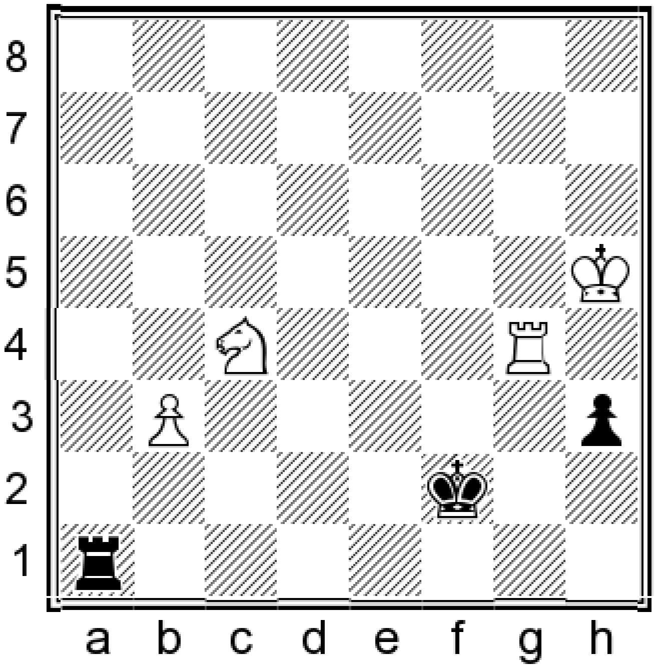
72.♖b7? Missing a study-like win.
[72.♖f7! ♔e6 73.♖f2! The only winning way. The point is that after 73...h3 74.♔h4! h2



75.♖a2! Black has no good square to move the rook. This is highly unhuman-like.]

72...♖a1! 73.♖b5 ♔f4 74.♖b4 ♔g3 75.♖g4 ♔f2 76.♘c4 h3!



And the hpawn cannot be stopped.

77.♖h4 ♔g3 78.♖g4 ♔f2
1/2 : 1/2 Shankland

As a team member, even though Magnus did not manage to win this game, I was pretty encouraged by the trajectory of the match. This was augmented further by another strong performance from Magnus in game 4, quickly taking command of the game, even with the black pieces. But when he did not win, that’s when I started to get worries.

Magnus Carlsen vs Sergey Karjakin. Photo by Rob Kim

Karjakin 2772 – Carlsen 2853
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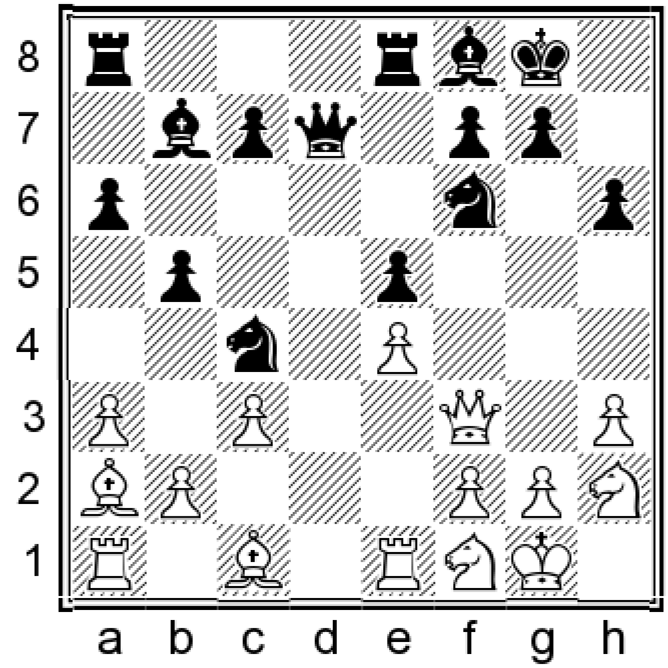
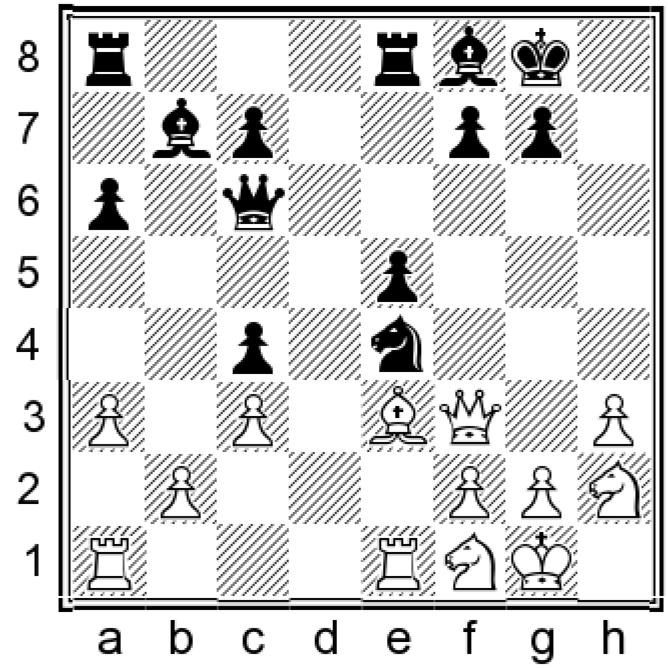


18.♗h6?! Asking for trouble
[18.♘g4=]

18...♕c6! 19.♗c4?
[19.♗c1 is a very sad move but White is not worse afterwards: 19...♘e4 20.♘e3=]

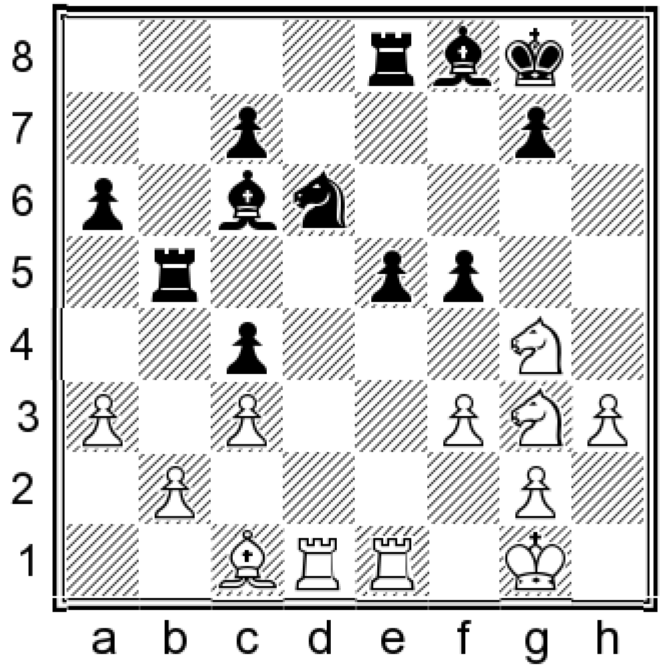
19...bc4 20.♗e3 ♘e4∓



After only 20 moves White already finds himself in some kind of positional nightmare. The bishops are absurdly strong, the b2 pawn is forever a weakness, and Black has active pieces and more pawns in the centre.

21.♘g3 ♘d6?! I don't think Black should trade queens here.
[After 21...♕g6! White would be in big trouble.]

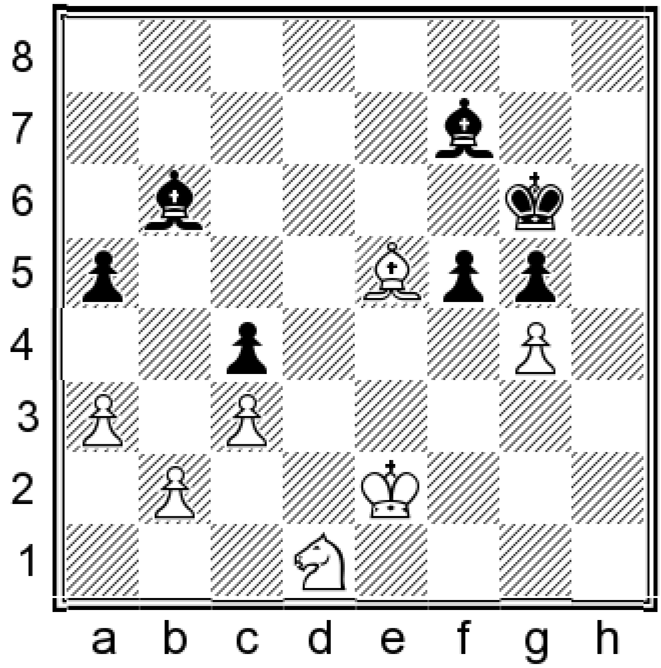
22.♖ad1 ♖ab8 23.♗c1 f6 24.♕c6 ♗c6 25.♘g4 ♖b5 26.f3 f5



This ending is absolutely miserable for White. My flight boarded around here to head to New York, and I was sure I would see a Black win when I landed.

27.♘f2 ♗e7 28.f4 ♗h4!? This trades a little too much stuff for my liking, but the computer approves and it does straighten out Black's pawns.
[I prefer 28...ef4 then if 29.♘e2 ♘e4.]

29.fe5 ♗g3 30.ed6 ♖e1 31.♖e1 cd6 32.♖d1 ♔f7 33.♖d4 ♖e5 34.♔f1 ♖d5 35.♖d5 ♗d5 36.♗g5 ♔g6 37.h4 ♔h5 38.♘h3 ♗f7 39.♗e7 ♗h4 40.♗d6 ♗d8 41.♔e2 g5 42.♘f2 ♔g6 43.g4 ♗b6 44.♗e5 a5 45.♘d1

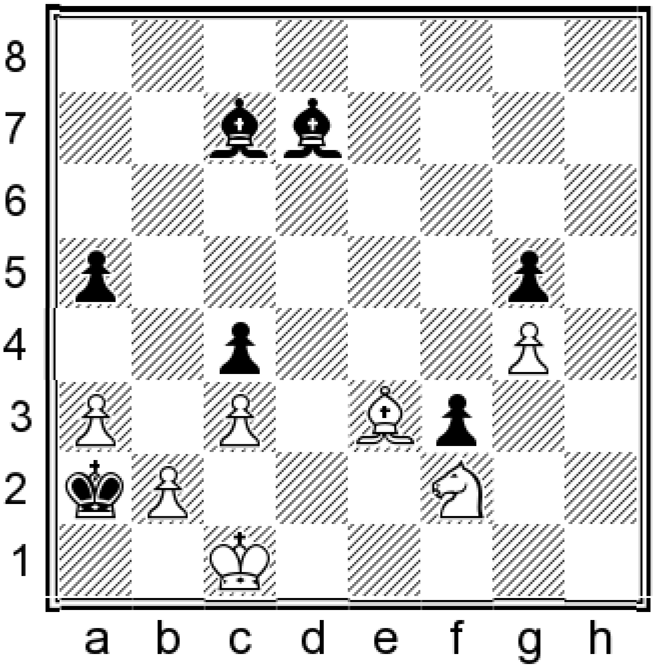


Until now, Magnus has played a good game. Not perfect, but more than good enough –Black should be winning. But his next move was hard to understand.

45...f4?? Now the position is closed and the kingside is locked forever. The bishops are much less impressive without open lines.
[45...♗e6! Simple and strong. Then Black should win without much discussion, for instance 46.♘f2 (46.gf5 ♔f5 47.♗d6 ♗f7! and the bishop coming to h5 should end things.) 46...fg4–+]

46.♗d4 ♗c7 47.♘f2 and White has a fortress. Black is unable to harass the f2 knight and has no other way of adding pressure to the g4 pawn, and if White sticks his king on c2 or c1, he will have all of his weaknesses protected. A good reminder that even the best players in the world make poor decisions at times.

47...♗e6 48.♔f3 ♗d5 49.♔e2 ♗g2 50.♔d2 ♔f7 51.♔c2 ♗d5 52.♔d2 ♗d8 53.♔c2 ♔e6 54.♔d2 ♔d7 55.♔c2 ♔c6 56.♔d2 ♔b5 57.♔c1 ♔a4 58.♔c2 ♗f7 59.♔c1 ♗g6 60.♔d2 ♔b3 61.♔c1 ♗d3 62.♘h3 ♔a2 63.♗c5 ♗e2 64.♘f2 ♗f3 65.♔c2 ♗c6 66.♗d4 ♗d7 67.♗c5 ♗c7 68.♗d4 ♗e6 69.♗c5 f3 70.♗e3 ♗d7 71.♔c1 ♗c8 72.♔c2 ♗d7 73.♔c1



73...♗f4 What else? Black had no plan.

74.♗f4 gf4 75.♔c2 ♗e6 76.♔c1 ♗c8 77.♔c2 ♗e6 78.♔c1 ♔b3 79.♔b1 ♔a4 80.♔c2 ♔b5 81.♔d2 ♔c6 82.♔e1 ♔d5 83.♔f1 ♔e5 84.♔g1 ♔f6 85.♘e4 ♔g6 86.♔f2 ♗g4 87.♘d2 ♗e6 88.♔xf3 ♔f5 89.a4 ♗d5 90.♔f2 ♔g4 91.♘f1 ♔g5 92.♘d2 ♔f5 93.♔e2 ♔g4 94.♔f2
Excellent defense by Karjakin.
1/2 : 1/2 Shankland

While I had a role in the match helping Magnus out, I also had a role providing live commentary on games 5 and 6. It was certainly a different experience seeing the game from inside the studio, but nonetheless I came into the day confident that Magnus would keep trucking along as he had been before, and that sooner or later one of his big advantages would turn into a win. This game looked like it was starting the same way – indeed, White got a nice position. But Karjakin defended well to equalize, and then showed his true colors. While he had not managed to create chances for himself up to that point, when Magnus made one careless move, Sergey pounced immediately.

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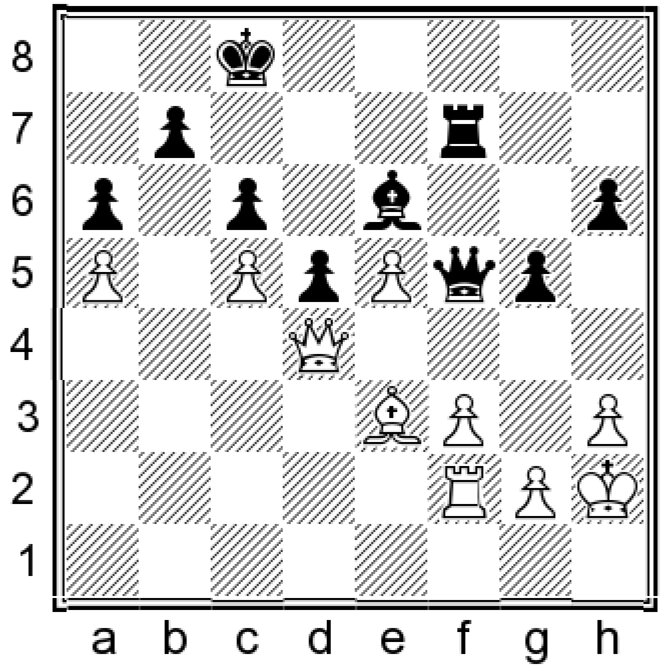
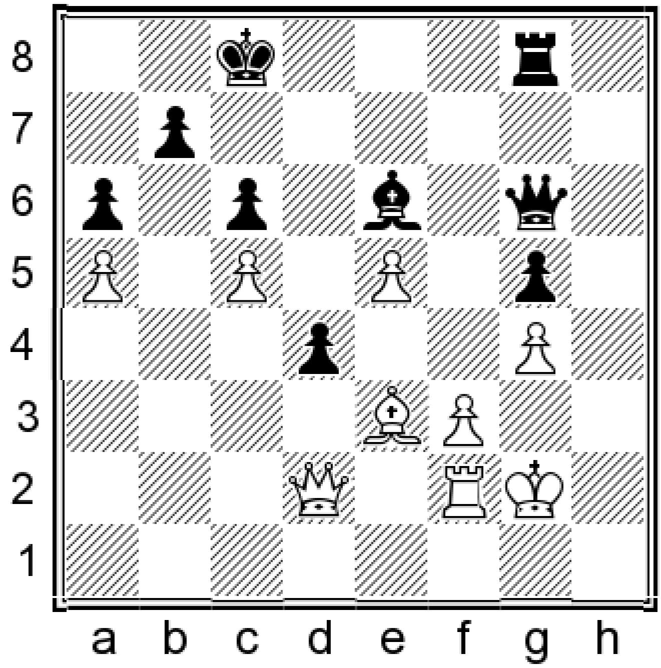


37...♕g6 Black defended well in a somewhat unpleasant position and is now fine. While commenting in the booth, I was expecting Magnus to go g4 here to try to push f4 through. Perhaps the fact that a moron like me wanted to do this should have served as a warning to the big man to keep his pawns at home!

38.g4?! h5! After suffering the previous two games and being a bit worse early on in this one, Karjakin showed that he has more than defense in his arsenal. Black immediately tries to open the loosened kingside.

39.♕d2 ♖g7 40.♔g3 ♖g8 41.♔g2?
[After 41.♕d4 White should not be worse.]

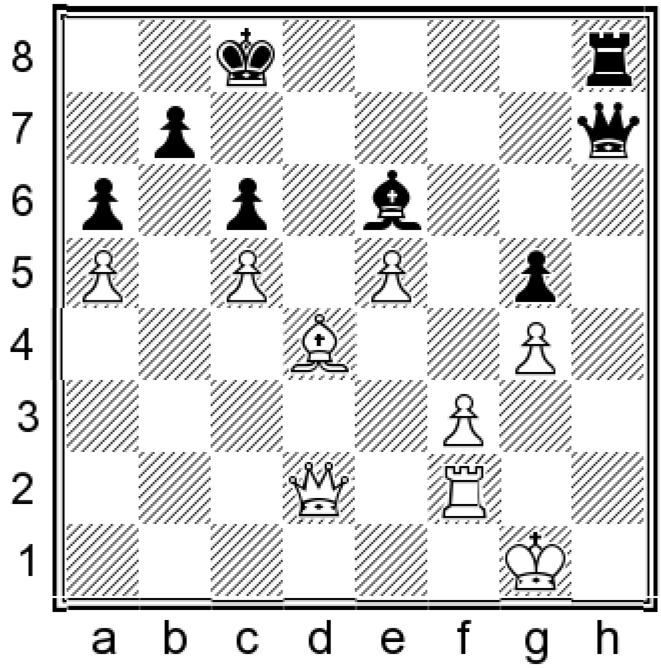
41...hg4 42.hg4
[42.fg4 ♕e4 and Black wins at least a pawn.]



42...d4! Black is in no mood to mess around. One of White's pieces will be distracted and then he will no longer be

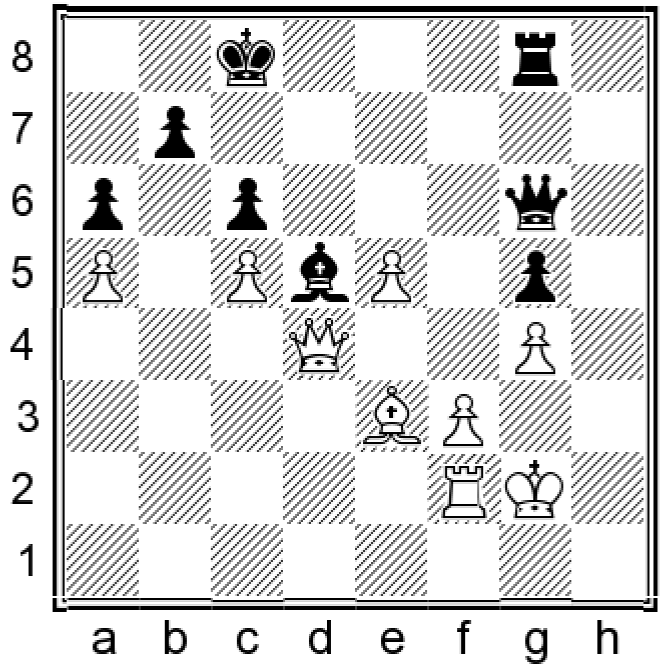
threatening the g5 pawn, freeing Black's heavy pieces to take the h-file. Also note the d5 square is available for the bishop.
[42...♕h7 43.♗g5]

43.♕d4? Now there is no way to stop Black from invading on the h-file.
[43.♗d4! ♕h7! (43...♗g4!? I was analyzing this move during the live coverage, but it's more clever than good: 44.fg4 ♕e4 45.♔g3 ♖d8 46.♕g5! ♕d4 47.♕f5 ♔b8 48.g5 and probably Black is running more risk than White here.) 44.♔g1 ♕h3! (44...♖h8



45.♖h2! The point. White's queen is still on d2 so this move is possible.) 45.♕e2! ♖f8! Black is slightly better after this long series of accurate moves.]

43...♗d5?!

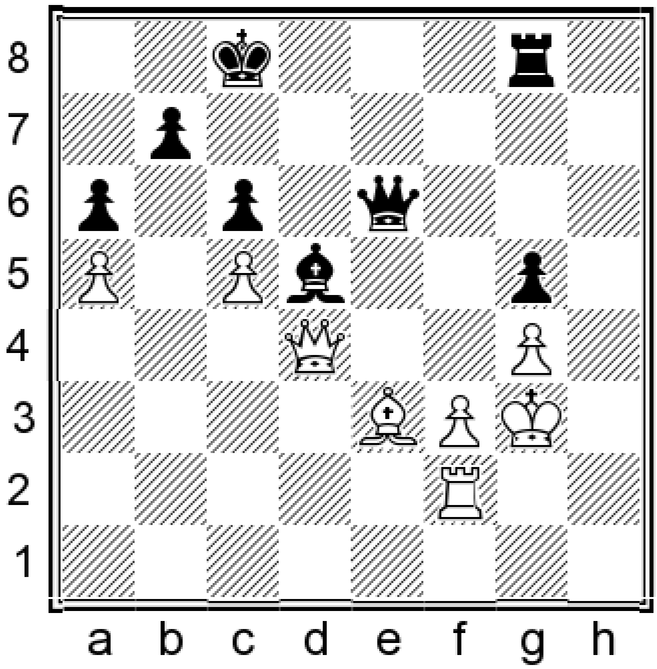


Missing a golden opportunity.

[43...♕h6 This was the move I wanted to see when following the game live; but 43...♖h8! was in fact best, whereupon White cannot stop the invasion on the h-file with ♕h7 or ♕h6 next.]

44.e6! Gaining a key tempo by stopping ...♖h8. Now White survives.

44...♕e6 45.♔g3



45...♕e7?
[After 45...♔b8! Black can still play but I don’t think he will win. 46.♗d2∓ would leave White still very solid (46.♖h2? ♔a7! The point. White does not get in ♖h8 since 47.♖h8? ♖h8 48.♕h8 ♕e3).]

46.♖h2! Now Black cannot avoid mass exchanges.

46...♕f7 47.f4 gf4 48.♕f4 ♕e7 49.♖h5 ♖f8 50.♖h7 ♖f4 51.♖e7 ♖e4
1/2 : 1/2 Shankland

Magnus turned things back his way by holding easy draws in games 6 and 7, but was clearly getting frustrated that his seemingly superior play had not netted him a lead in the match. This lead to disaster when he made too many risky decisions and managed to lose game 8 with White.

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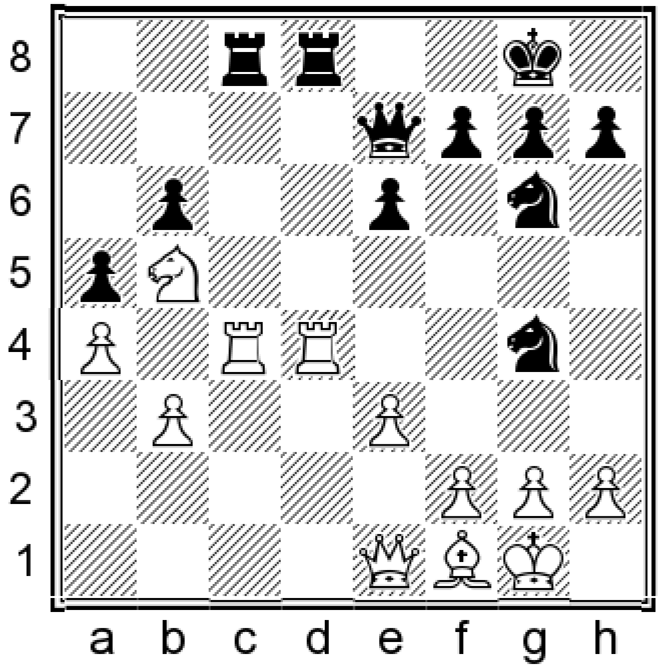
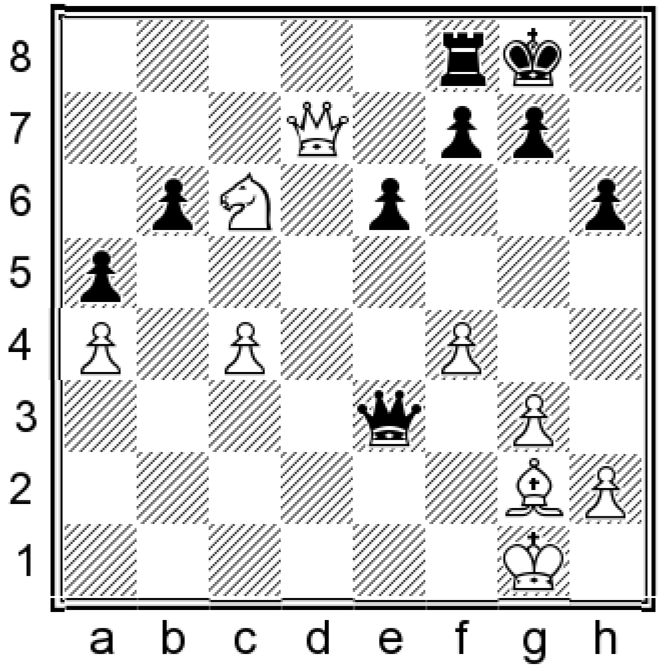


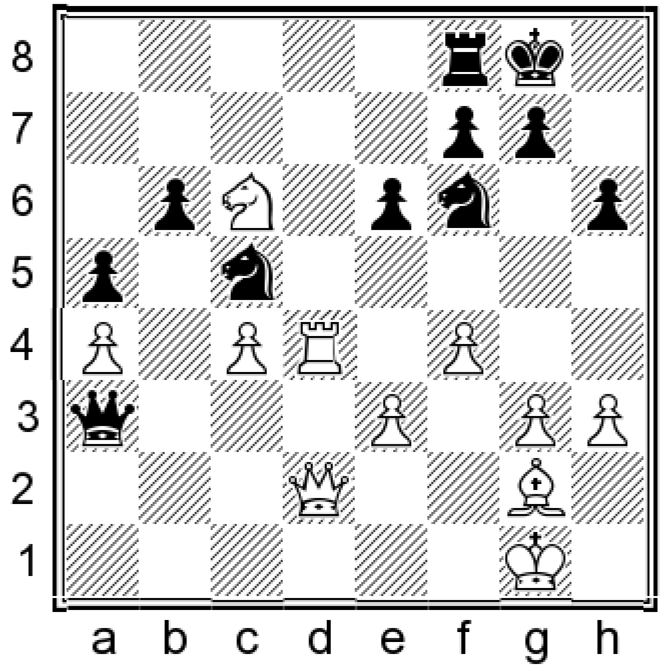
23...♖c4 24.bc4?! I don't get it. Why compromise the queenside structure? White is not worse but this seems risky and is played for no apparent reason.

24...♘f6 25.♕d2 ♖b8 26.g3 ♘e5 27.♗g2 h6 28.f4 ♘ed7 29.♘a7 ♕a3 30.♘c6 ♖f8 31.h3?!
[It was time to make a draw by 31.♖d7 ♘d7 32.♕d7 ♕e3



33.♔f1 ♕c1 34.♔f2 ♕c4 35.♗f3 The position is dynamically balanced and I would expect a perpetual soon from one side or the other.]

31...♘c5



All of a sudden White’s queenside is simply falling. He has to look for counterplay.

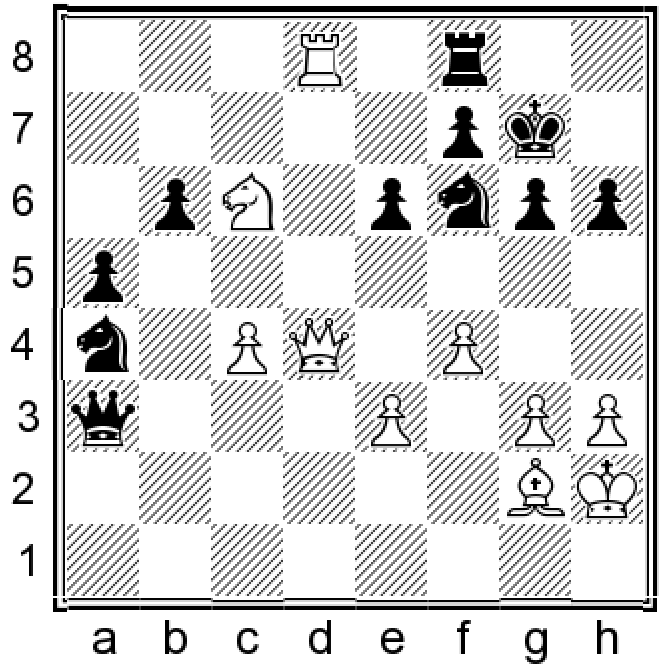
32.♔h2 ♘a4 33.♖d8

[33.e4 may have been stronger. Then e4-e5 will gain a lot of space]

33...g6 34.♕d4?!

[34.♘e5=]

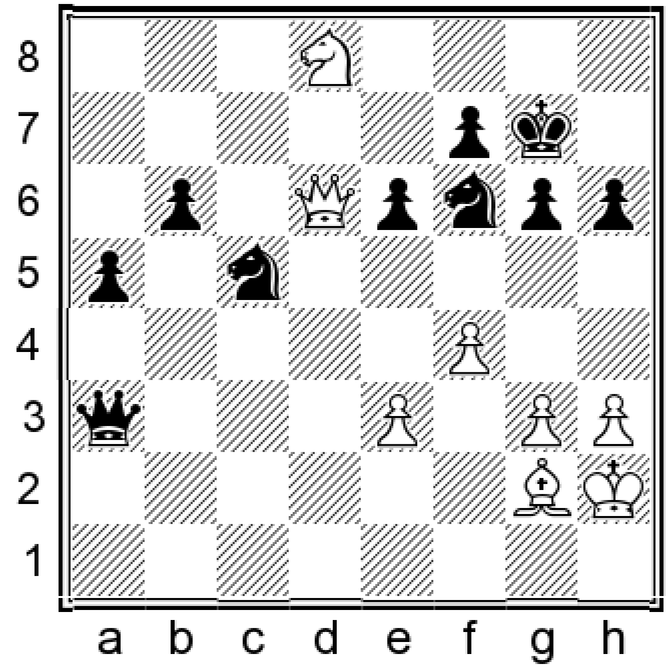
34...♔g7!



35.c5?

[35.♘e5 again was best, though here Black is still a little better anyway.]

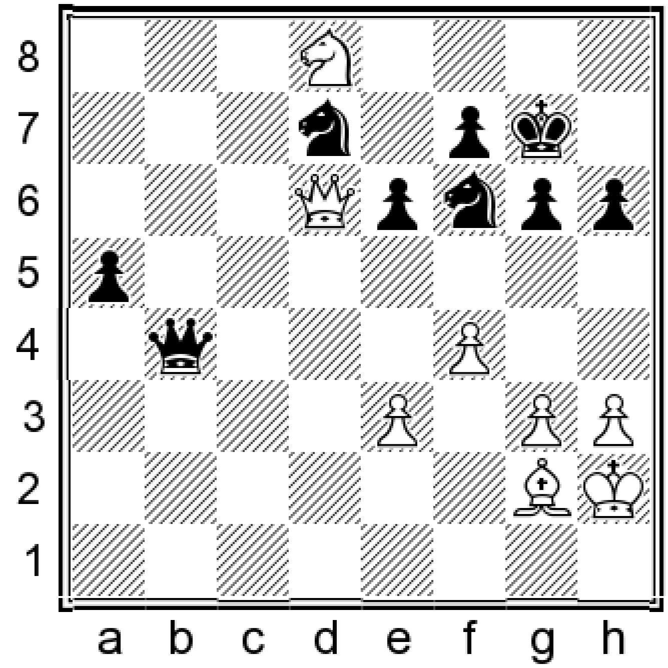
35...♖d8! 36.♘d8 ♘c5 37.♕d6



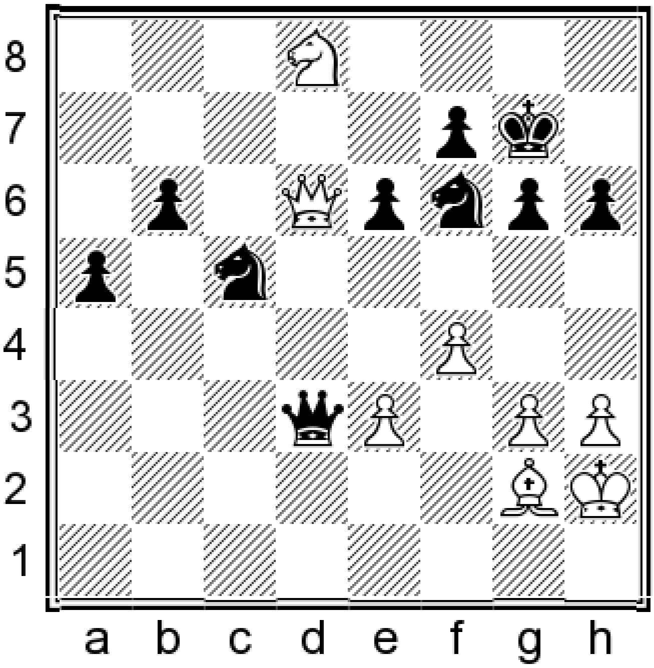
This was Magnus' big idea – Black has a hard time stopping ♕e7 followed by a kingside disaster. But it fails:

37...♕d3?

[37...♕a4! This way the queen gets to d7 safely. Black is just winning 38.♕b6 ♘cd7 39.♕d6 ♕b4!

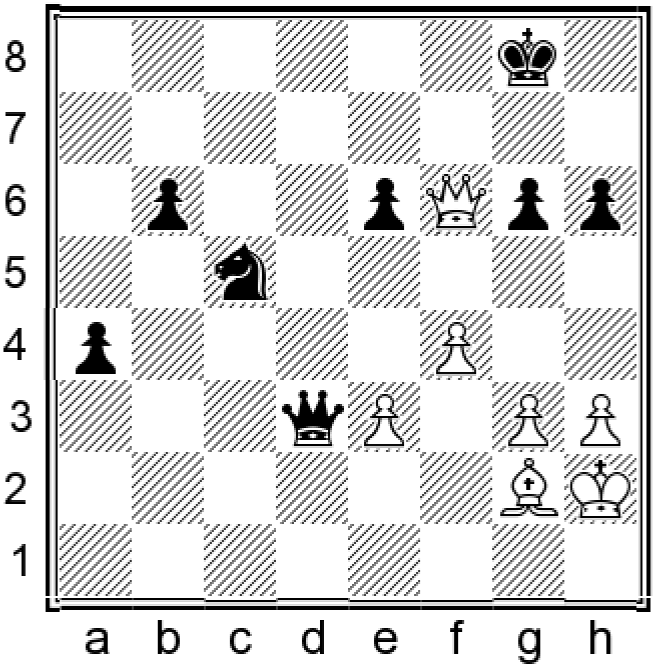


...with a very healthy extra outside passed pawn for absolutely nothing.]



38.♘e6+! A nice tactic. Karjakin saw this, but missed White’s 41st .

38...fe6 39.♕e7 ♔g8 40.♕f6 a4

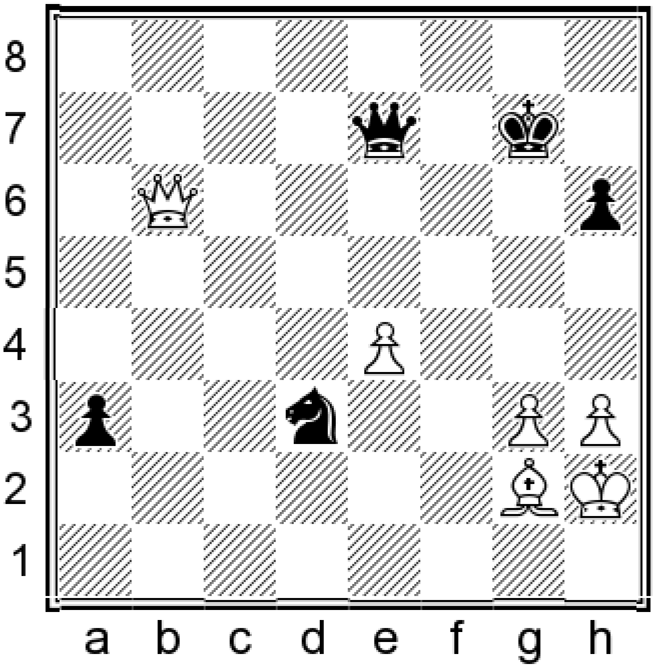


After the game Karjakin said he thought he is just winning here, but he missed...

41.e4! After which the g6 pawn cannot be saved. The game is dynamically balanced once again.

41...♕d7 42.♕g6 ♕g7 43.♕e8 ♕f8 44.♕c6
[Upon 44.♕g6 Karjakin indicated he wanted to play on by 44...♔h8. He is right to do so but with some accurate moves White is fine: 45.e5! a3 46.♕c2! and Black cannot support the a-pawn and protect the king at the same time. For instance: 46...♕f7 47.♕c1 ♕a7 48.f5! a2 49.♕h6 ♔g8 50.♕g6=]

44...♕d8 45.f5 a3 46.fe6 ♔g7 47.e7 ♕e7 48.♕b6 ♘d3

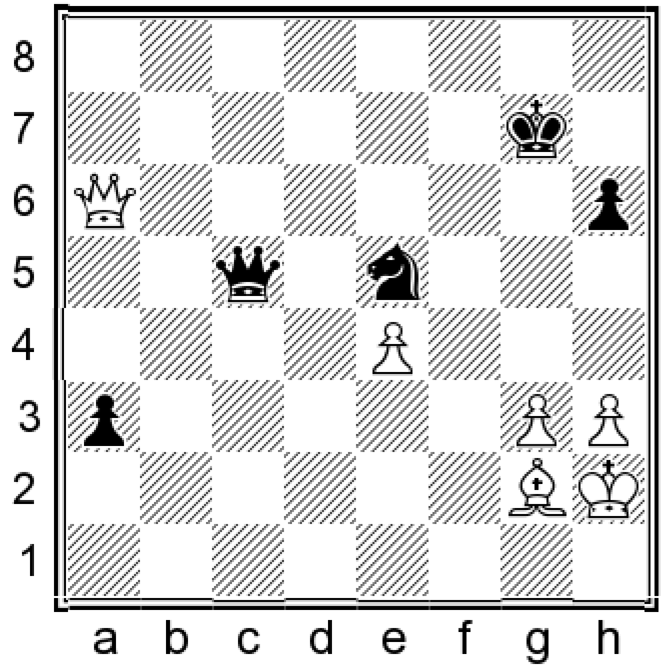


Magnus Carlsen. Photo by Max Avdeev

49.♕a5? Not the best move I’ve ever seen from Magnus.
[Following 49.e5!, pitching the pawn but activating the bishop.,White definitely should not lose.]

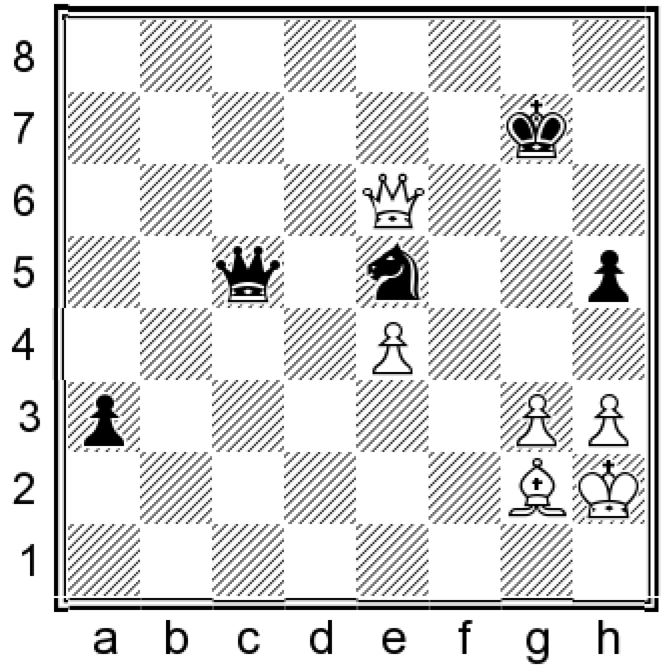
49...♕c5! White has a hard time finding checks and his bishop will remain passive forever.

50.♕a6 ♘e5!



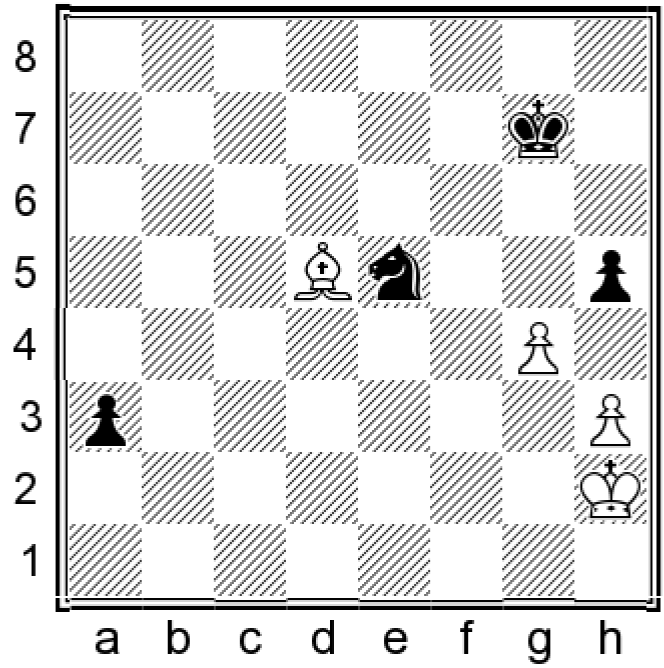
51.♕e6? Losing on the spot but the position was hard to defend anyway.
[51.♕b7]

51...h5!



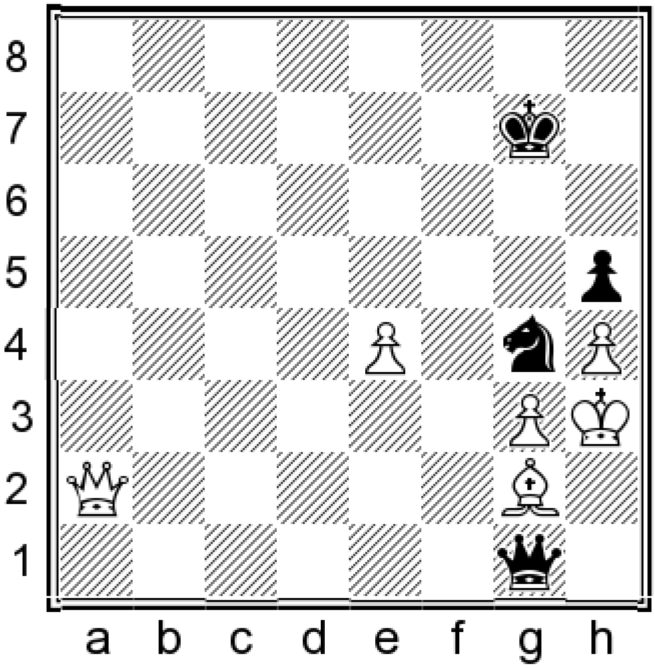
A nasty move. White is basically in zugzwang.

52.h4 I guess the best practical try.
[52.g4 ♘f7! 53.e5 ♕e5 54.♕e5 ♘e5 55.♗d5



55...h4! and Black wins easily.]

52...a2!
And White resigned in view of 53.♕a2 ♘g4 54.♔h3 (54.♔h1 ♕c1) 54...♕g1

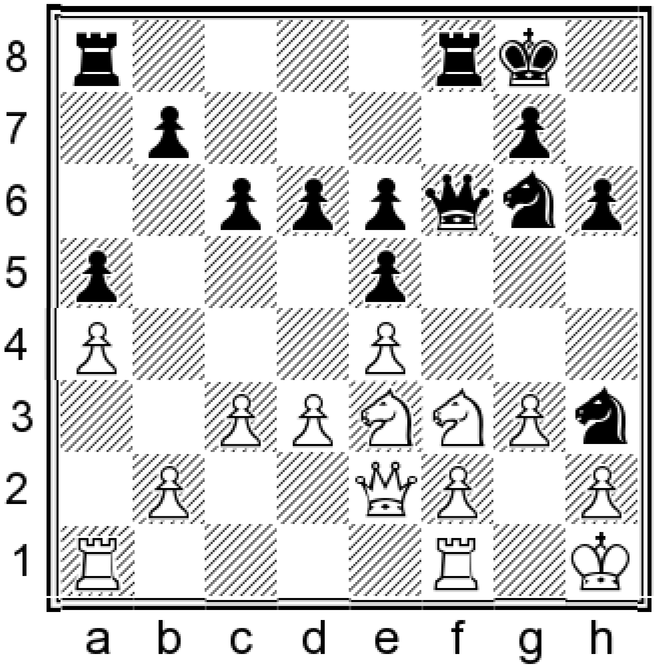


55.♕b2 ♔g6 and he is out of checks and unable to stop ♘f2.

0 : 1 Shankland

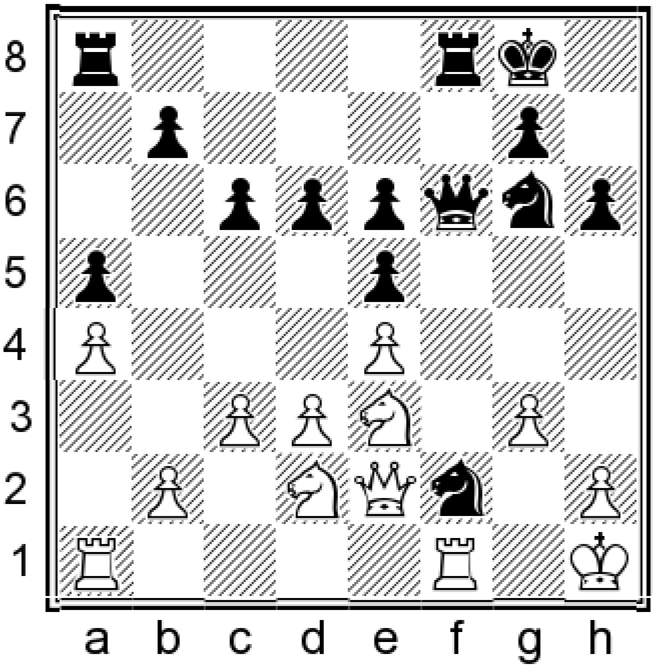
Karjakin looked brilliant at this point – solid, undefeated, and leading with 4 games to go. He may well have become World Champion if he had found the route to a draw in round 10:

Carlsen 2853 – Karjakin 2772
New York (m/10), 2016



20.♘d2 d5?

[20...♘f2!



Sergey Karjakin. Photo by Max Avdeev

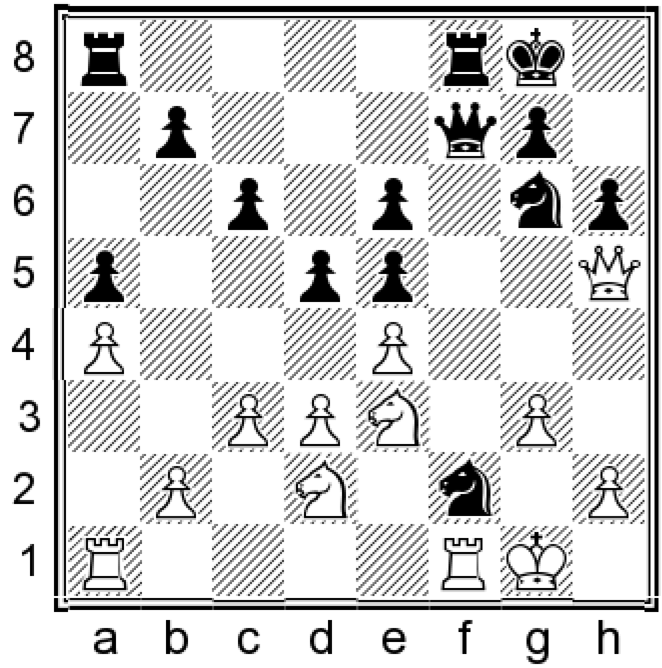
Scary as this looks, concretely Black is fine. It’s not even that hard to calculate

A) 21.♔g1 ♘h3 22.♔g2 (22.♔h1 ♕g5∓) 22...♘hf4 23.gf4 ♘f4 24.♖f4 ef4 And Black is better;

B) 21.♔g2 ♘h4! 22.♔g1 (22.gh4 ♕g6–+) 22...♘h3 23.♔h1 ♘f2 with a draw.]

21.♕h5?
[White needed to stop the threat once and for all by playing 21.f3±]

21...♘g5
[21...♘f2! Again this works, but this time it is much harder to evaluate: 22.♔g2 ♕f7! (The only way not to lose to 23...♘g4.) 23.♔g1 (23.♕e2 ♘h4! with the same draw the previous move; 23.♘g4? ♘f4)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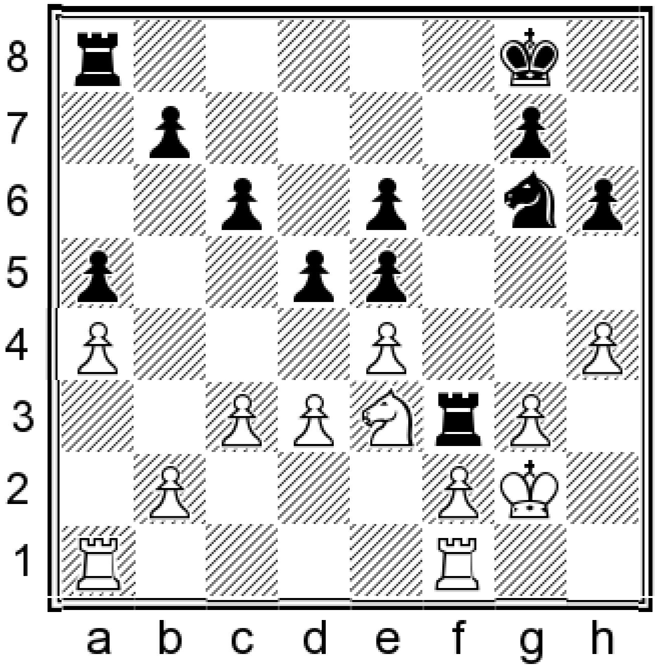
23...♕f6!! A ridiculous move. White is unable to stop ...♕g5.]

22.h4 ♘f3 23.♘f3 ♕f3 24.♕f3 ♖f3 25.♔g2



And Black has a deeply unpleasant endgame, which he went on to lose.

25...♖f7 26.♖fe1 h5 27.♘f1 ♔f8 28.♘d2 ♔e7 29.♖e2 ♔d6 30.♘f3 ♖af8 31.♘g5 ♖e7 32.♖ae1 ♖fe8 33.♘f3 ♘h8 34.d4 exd4 35.♘d4 g6 36.♖e3 ♘f7 37.e5 ♔d7 38.♖f3 ♘h6 39.♖f6 ♖g7 40.b4 ab4 41.cb4 ♘g8 42.♖f3 ♘h6 43.a5 ♘f5 44.♘b3 ♔c7 45.♘c5 ♔b8 46.♖b1 ♔a7 47.♖d3 ♖c7 48.♖a3 ♘d4 49.♖d1 ♘f5 50.♔h3 ♘h6 51.f3 ♖f7 52.♖d4 ♘f5 53.♖d2 ♖h7 54.♖b3 ♖ee7 55.♖dd3 ♖h8 56.♖b1 ♖hh7 57.b5 cb5 58.♖b5 d4 59.♖b6 ♖c7 60.♘e6 ♖c3 61.♘f4 ♖hc7 62.♘d5 ♖d3 63.♘c7 ♔b8 64.♘b5 ♔c8 65.♖g6 ♖f3 66.♔g2 ♖b3 67.♘d6 ♘xd6 68.♖d6 ♖e3 69.e6 ♔c7 70.♖d4 ♖e6 71.♖d5 ♖h6 72.♔f3 ♔b8 73.♔f4 ♔a7 74.♔g5 ♖h8 75.♔f6
1 : 0 Shankland

Magnus was extremely happy after this game, finally equalizing the score. Two short draws in the final two regulation games sent the match to tiebreak, where I was confident Magnus would ride the momentum to victory. Still, I became worried that he might get frustrated the same way he did in regulation when he failed to convert a trivially winning position:

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Magnus
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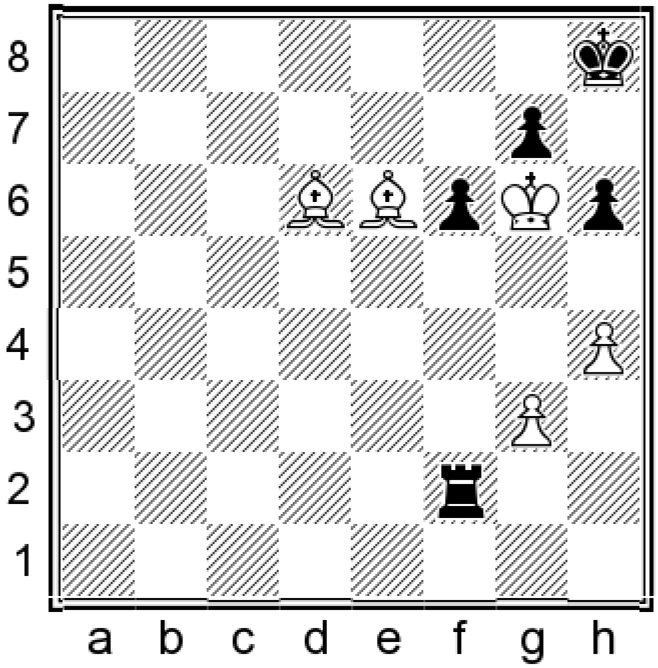
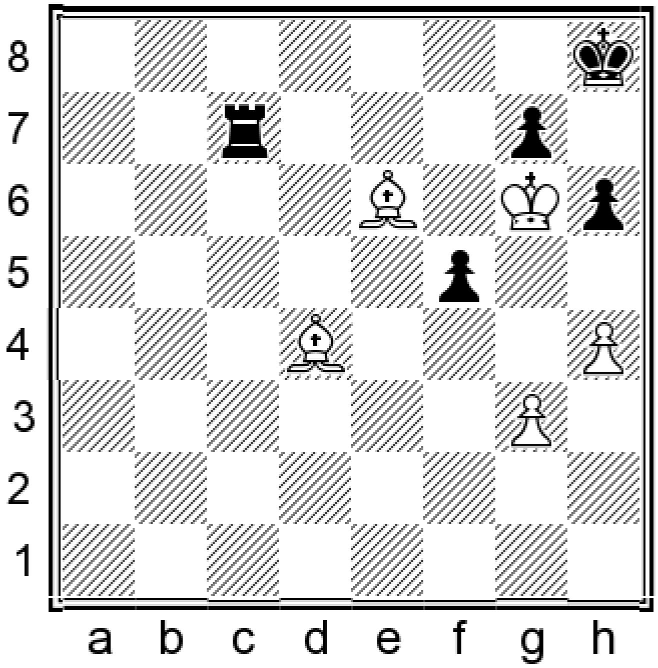
Carlsen 2853 – Karjakin 2772
New York (playoff-m/2–rapid), 2016



61...♖e2 62.♗g4?

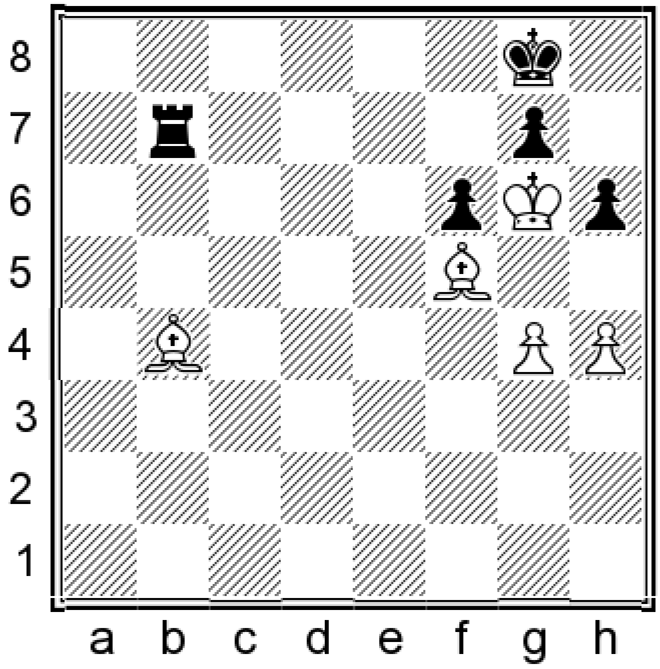
[62.♔f7! would have won on the spot: 62...♖b2 63.♗f8! ♖b7 64.♔g6 f5 Otherwise ♗f7 will immediately end the game. 65.♗c5! ♖c7 66.♗d4



Zugzwang. Once again, ♗f7 is coming. 66...h5 (66...♖e7 67.♗f7) 67.♗f5 White wins easily.]

62...♖e8 63.♗f5 ♔g8 64.♗c2 ♖e3 65.♗b1 ♔h8 66.♔f7 ♖b3 67.♗e4 ♖e3 68.♗f5 ♖c3 69.g4 ♖c6 70.♗f8 ♖c7 71.♔g6 ♔g8 72.♗b4 ♖b7?

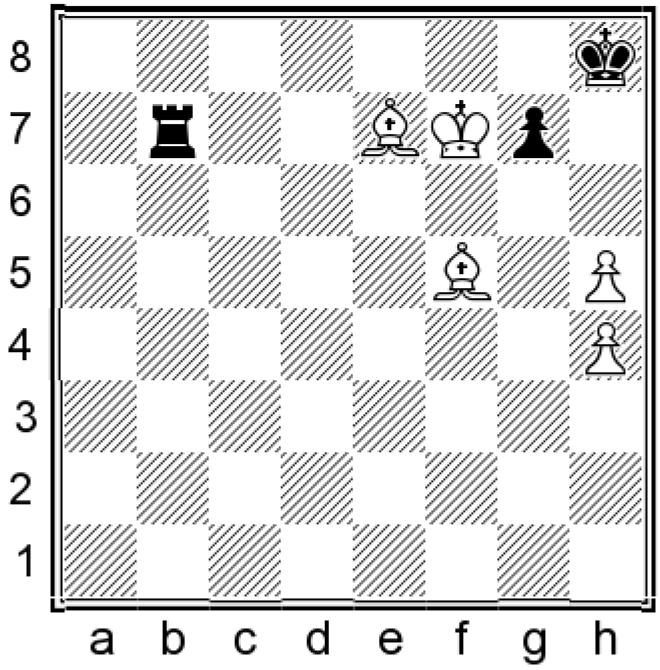
[72...♖c6 Black should hold.]



73.♗d6
[73.♗e6! ♔h8 74.♗f8 and Black cannot stop ♗f7.]

73...♔h8 74.♗f8 ♔g8 75.♗a3?
[75.♗c5! ♔h8 76.♗e6! Black is unable to attack the e6 bishop. ♗f8 is coming.]

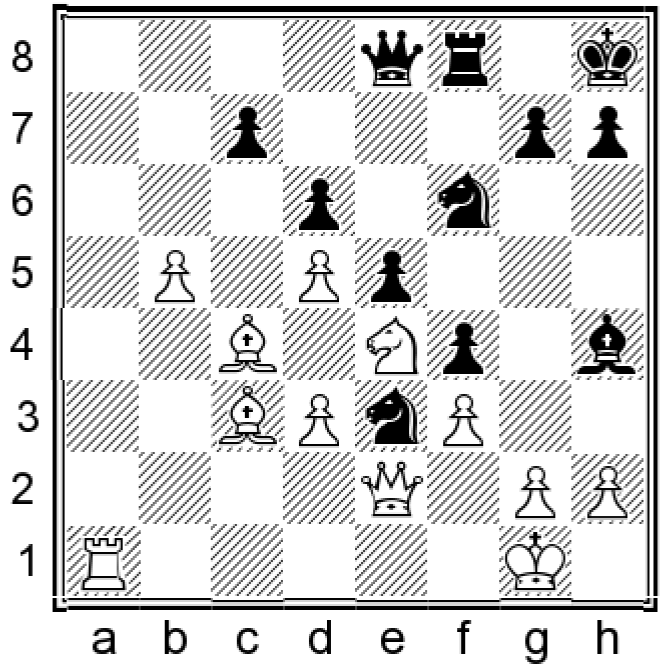
75...♔h8 76.♗e6 ♖b6 77.♔f7 ♖b7 78.♗e7 h5 79.gh5 f5 80.♗f5



80...♖e7 81.♔e7 ♔g8 82.♗d3 ♔h8 83.♔f8 g5 84.hg6
1/2 : 1/2 Shankland

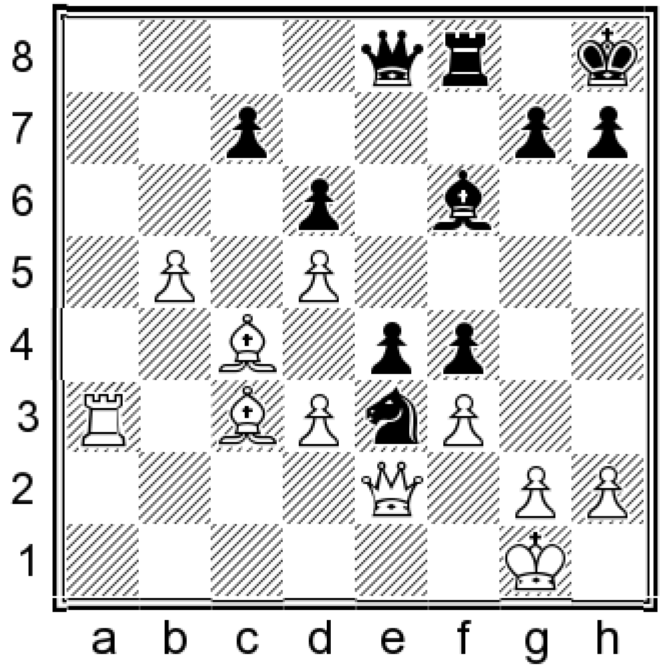
But Magnus did not get frustrated. In fact, he kept his head perfectly, and won a gorgeous game with Black in round 3 of the tiebreaks.

Karjakin 2772 – Carlsen 2853
New York (playoff-m/3–rapid), 2016



29.♘f6 ♗f6!
White is now unable to prevent e5–e4.
[29...gf6 This looked much more natural to me and Magnus was largely condemned for not playing it, but upon a closer look I believe he played the best move.]

30.♖a3 e4!



I don’t care what the computer says. This is a positional disaster for White.

31.de4
[31.♗f6 ef3 32.♗g7 ♔g7 33.♕f3 ♕e5–+]

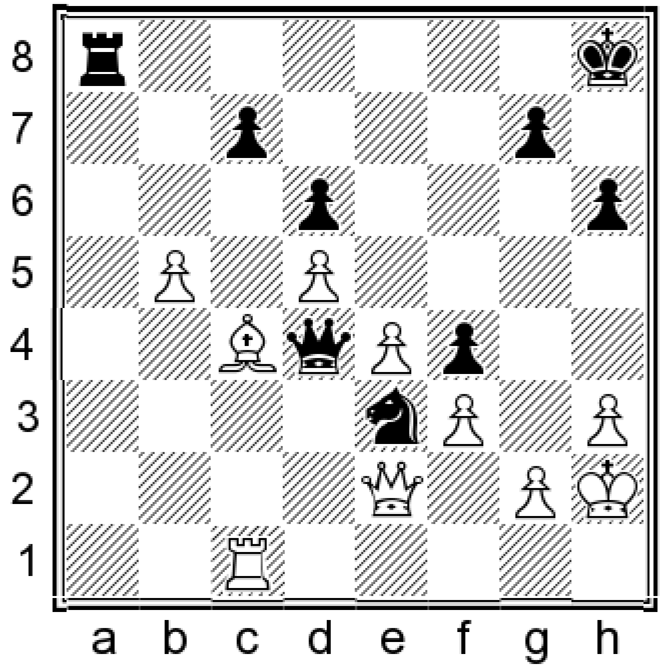
31...♗c3 32.♖c3 ♕e5

[White’s bishop is basically a pawn, his extra pawn is entirely useless, and Black is ready to invade on the dark squares. It takes machine-like precision to hold White’s position together. Over the board on the increment, you can forget about it.]

33.♖c1 ♖a8 34.h3 h6 35.♔h2

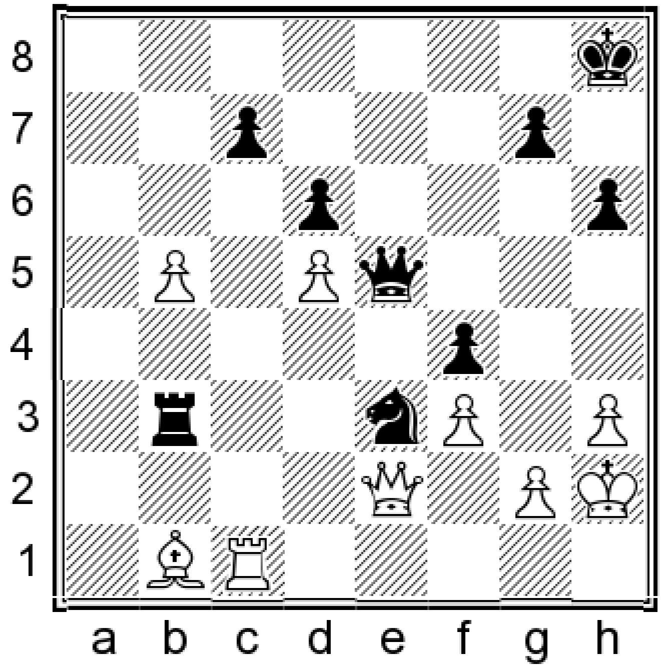
[It might have been worthwhile stopping ♕d4 with 35.♕d2. Black would then continue 35...♖a4]

35...♕d4!



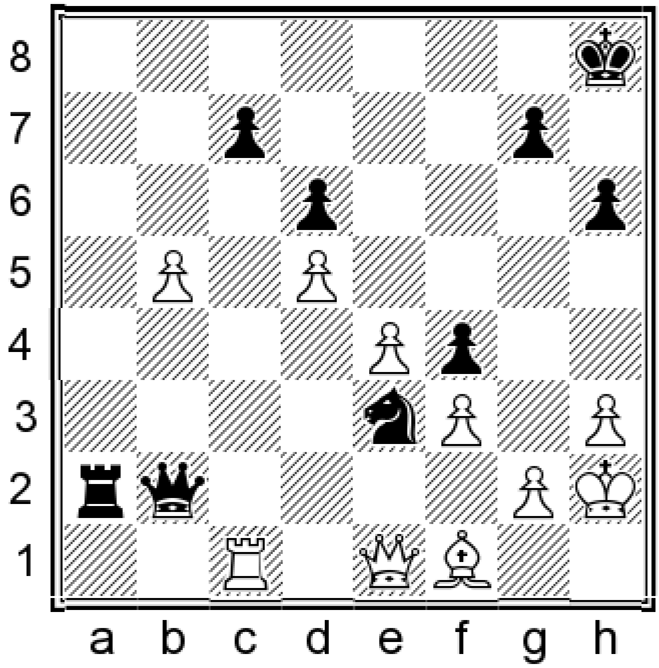
36.♕e1? It’s almost impossible to defend a position like this.

[36.♗d3 ♖a3 37.♗b1 ♖b3 38.e5! ♕e5



39.b6! No human will find such a move. 39...♖b6 (39...♘g4 40.hg4 ♕e2 41.bc7+–) 40.♕d3 g6 41.♕g6 ♕g7=]

36...♕b2! 37.♗f1 ♖a2!

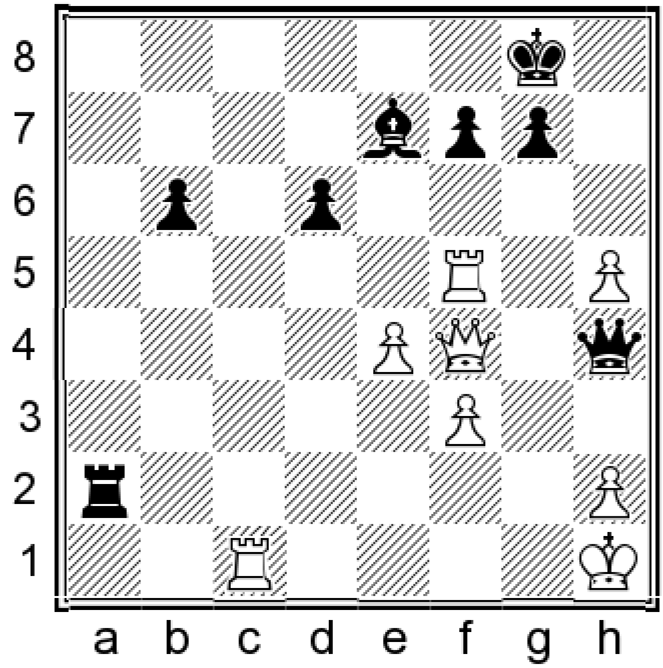


38.♖c7
[38.♖b1 was the only move, but even after insanely difficult perfect defense from White, Black is still much better, e.g. 38...♕f6 39.♗e2! ♕g5 40.♕f2! ♕e5∓]

38...♖a1
0 : 1 Shankland

While Karjakin did a very good job of taking the chances offered to him, he never really was able to actively procure winning chances on his own – with this being the trend, it was certainly a tall order for him to play for a win with Black on command. The final game was very one sided, but I do have to include the final combination, as it was the flashiest end to a World Championship I have ever seen:

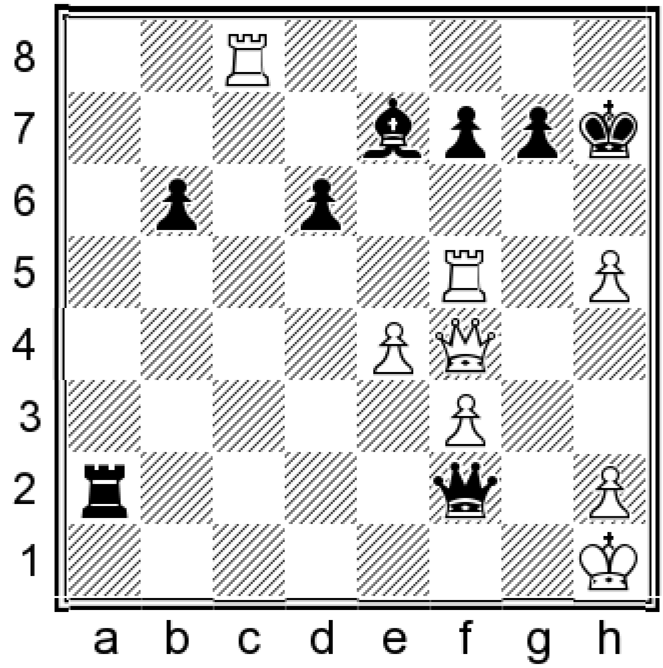
Carlsen 2853 – Karjakin 2772
New York (playoff-m/4–rapid), 2016



48...♕f2 49.♖c8 I was watching the live feed with no engine, and I thought Magnus had lost his mind here! Why bring the rook away from the defense?

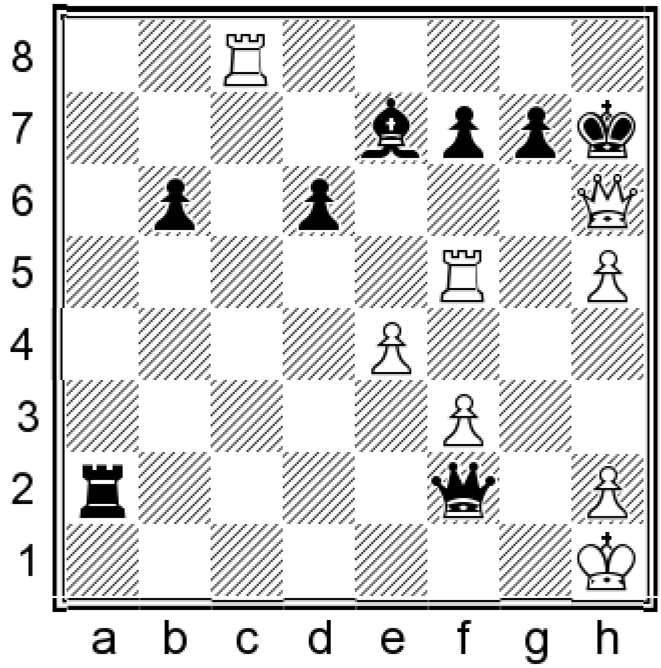
[I would have made the move 49.♖g1 in half a second. White is winning easily as Black has no threats, White is up material, and ♖f7 cannot be stopped.]

49...♔h7



White cannot stop all of the mating threats – ♖a1, ♕e1, ♕f1, ♕g2. Should he resign?

50.♕h6+!!



Nope! White finished the match in fine style with this beautiful mate.
[Here Black gave up instead of facing 50...gh6 (Or 50...♔h6 51.♖h8#) 51.♖f7#.
1 : 0 Shankland

When all was said and done, Magnus kept his title after a nerve-wracking match which saw the tension grow with every draw, every missed opportunity, and decisive games coming at critical moments. Karjakin was able to put up much more of a fight than Anand did, and we will have to see if Magnus's next challenger can make things even more interesting.

Volokitin

SILVER AND GOLD!

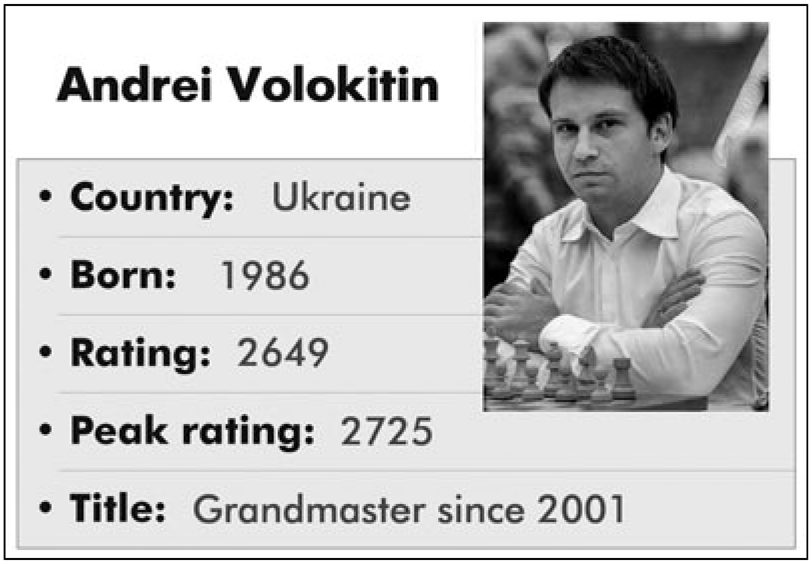
In the Baku Olympiad, Andrei Volokitin won the gold medal for best individual performance on board 5, scoring

8½/9. He also claimed silver for his team performance when Ukraine finished runners up to the victorious USA after a heart-breaker of a tie-breaker!

I conducted an interesting attack in the Ukraine vs Germany match, which took place in the third round of the Baku Olympiad. After very principled opening play in one of the main variations of the Advance Caro-Kann, the following position arose on the board.

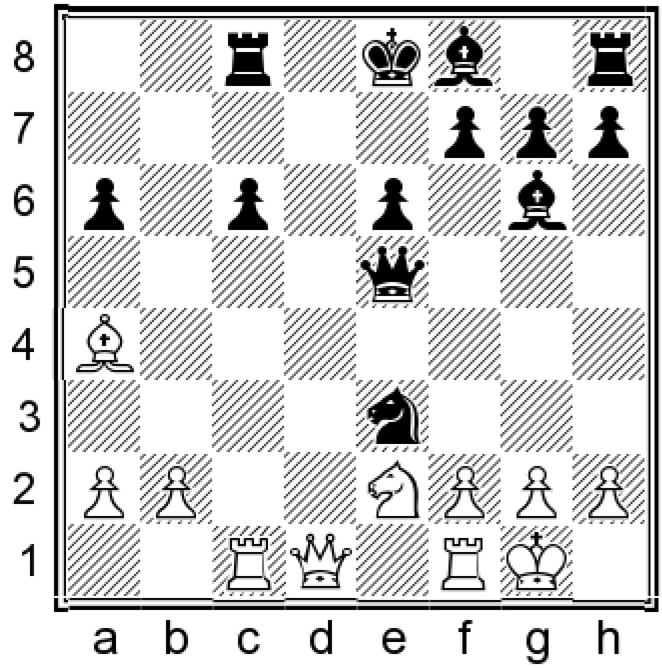
My opponent was the very experienced GM Daniel Fridman.

Volokitin 2647 – Fridman 2618
Round 3, Baku Olympiad 2016



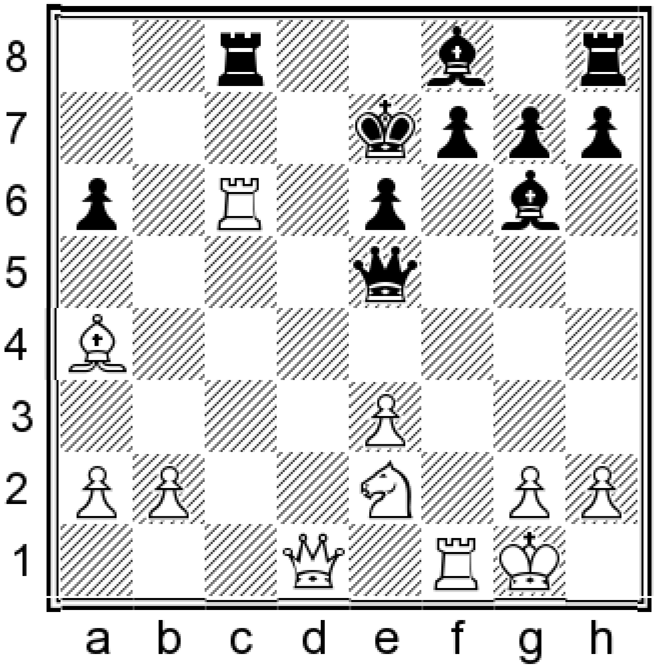
Andrei Volokitin

- **Country:** Ukraine
- **Born:** 1986
- **Rating:** 2649
- **Peak rating:** 2725
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2001



17.♖c6 ♔e7!
[Here is the line I had calculated during the game: 17...♘d1 18.♖e6 ♔d8 19.♖e5 ♗d6 20.♖d1 ♔c7 21.♖a5± with an extra pawn for White in the endgame.]

18.fe3



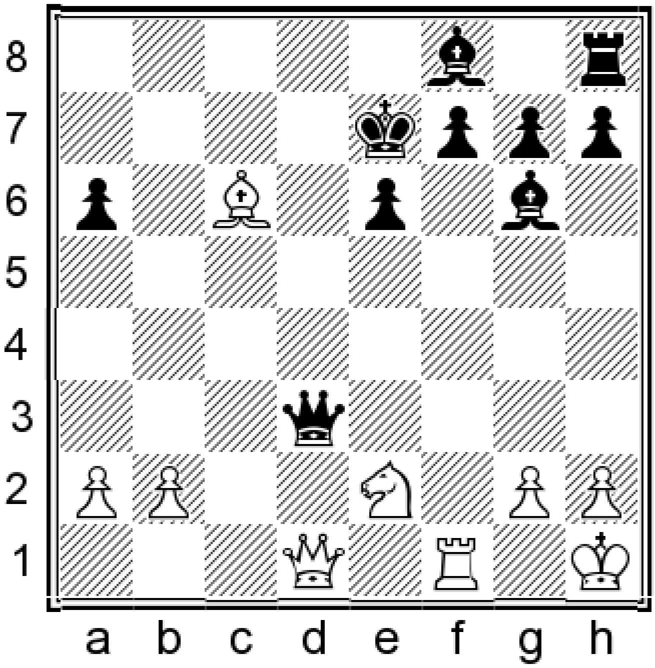
18...♕e3?? A blunder. Black had to find only moves.

[18...♖c6□ 19.♗c6 f5□ The only defence. Then 20.♘d4 (The weaker 20.♘f4 runs into 20...♗e8!⇄) 20...♔f6 21.♘f3 ♕d6!± when White has the initiative and his position is somewhat better, although Black can sucessfully defend.]

19.♔h1+– ♖c6 20.♗c6 White wins in all lines due to poor placement of Black's royal couple.

20...♕d3

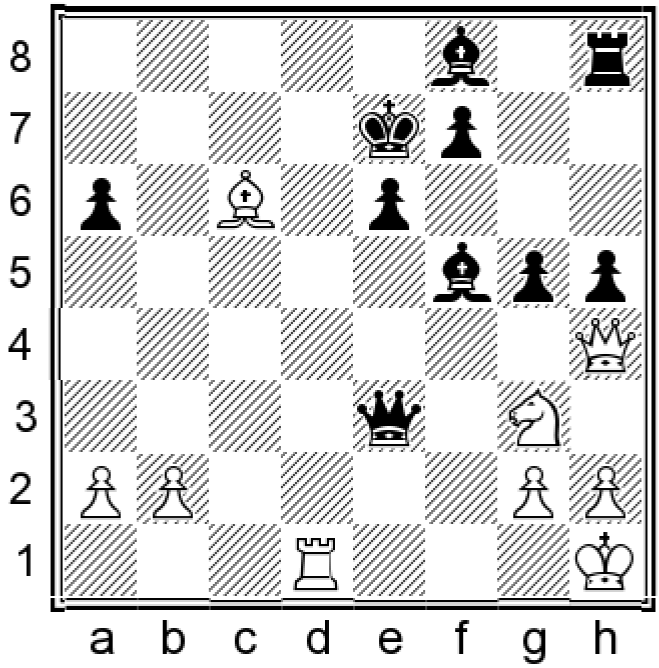
[Upon 20...f5 comes 21.♘d4+– with the idea of ♖e1; while 20...♗d3 is met by 21.♕b3! ♔d6 22.♘c1!?+–]



21.♕a4! Interestingly enough this is the only winning move!

21...e5

[The best defence for Black was 21...♗f5 22.♘g3 h5 23.♖d1 ♕e3 but White wins anyway after 24.♕h4!! g5

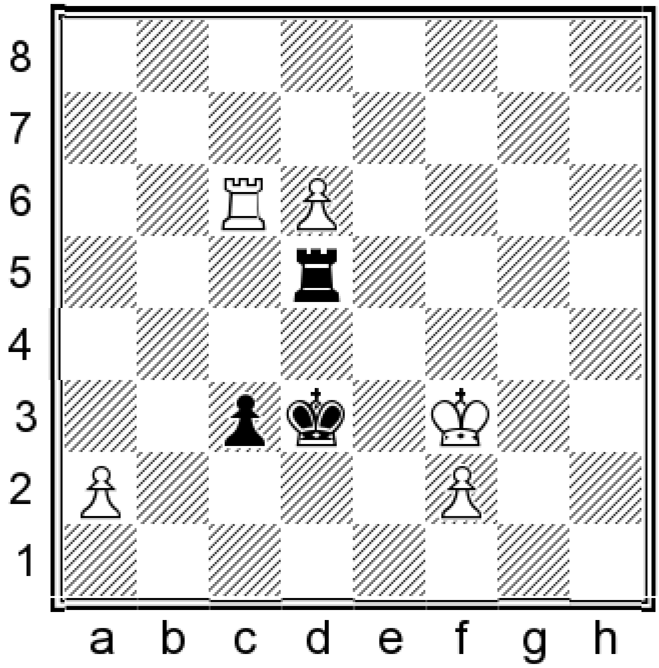


25.♘h5!+–]

22.♖d1! ♕e2 23.♕b4 with an unavoidable checkmate in two moves: ♕h4 and ♗d7.
1 : 0 Volokitin

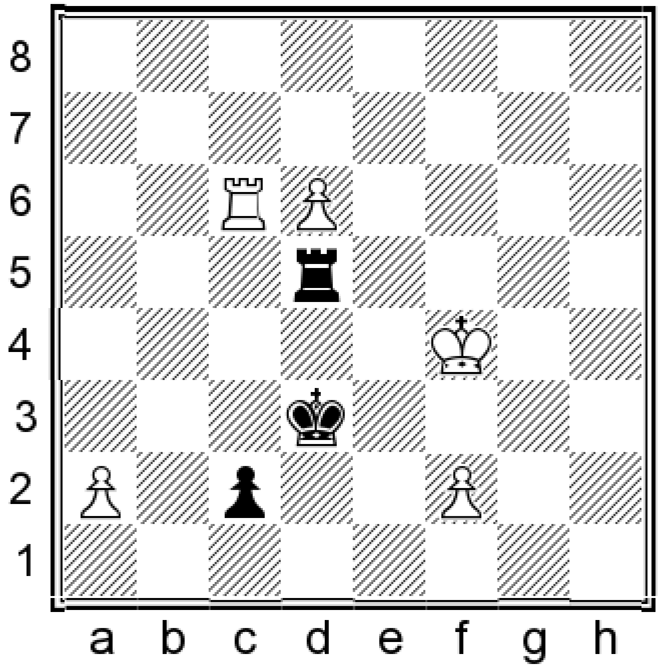
In the eighth round I managed to win a unique rook endgame.

Volokitin 2647 – Gelashvili 2575
Round 8, Baku Olympiad 2016



46...c2?? The decisive mistake.
[The only defence was to cut off the white king along the fourth rank: 46...♖d4! 47.♔g3 c2 48.f4 ♔d2 49.♔g4 c1♕ 50.♖c1 ♔c1 51.♔g5 ♔d2 52.f5 ♔e3 53.f6 ♖d6 54.f7 ♖d8 55.♔f6= with a draw.]

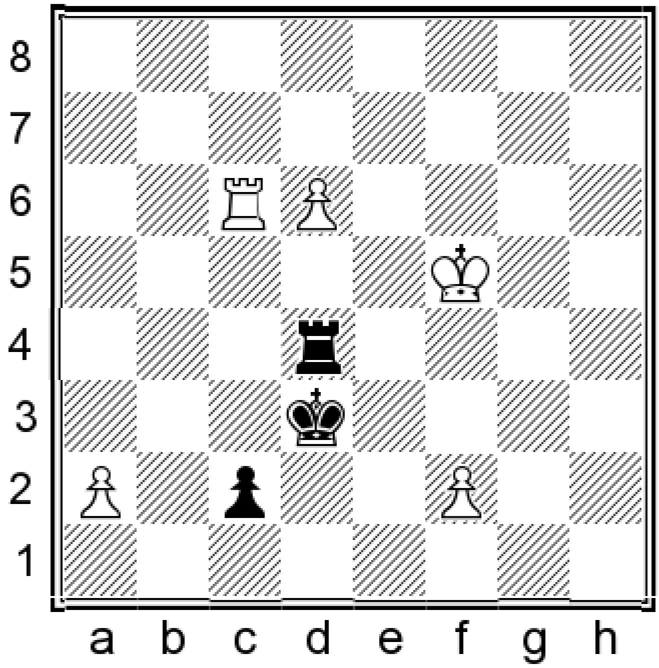
46...c2?? 47.♔f4!+–



Here White wins in all lines.

47...♖d4
[After 47...♔d2 48.♔e4 ♖d3 49.f4 ♖e3 50.♔f5 ♖c3 51.d7 c1♕ 52.d8♕ ♔e2 53.♖c3 ♕c3 54.♔g6! and, according to the Nalimov endgame tablebase, White wins in 41 moves.]

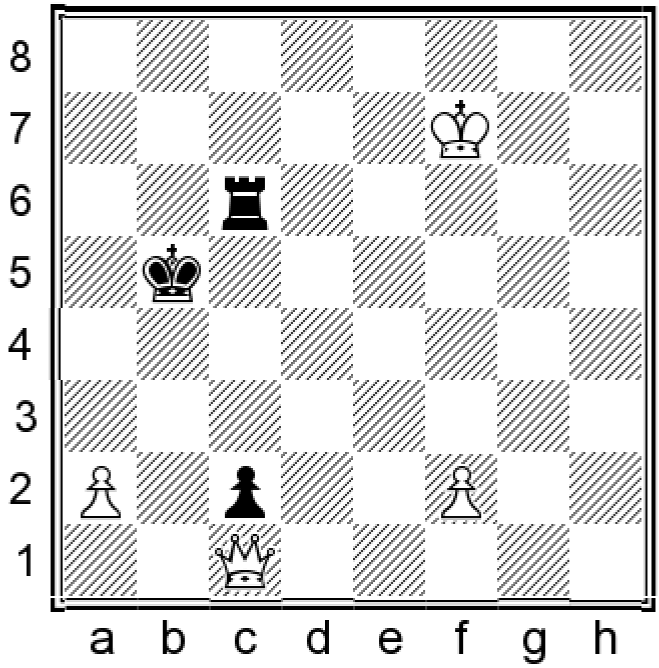
48.♔f5!



48...♖d5
[The best practical chance was to try 48...♖c4! 49.d7! c1♕ 50.d8♕ ♔e2 51.♖c4 ♕c4 and after 52.f4!, again according to the Nalimov tablebase, White wins in 57 moves! Upon 48...♔d2 49.♔e6 c1♕ 50.♖c1 ♔c1 51.d7 ♔b2 52.f4 ♖e4 53.♔d5 ♖e1 54.f5 ♔a2 55.f6+– at least one of the white pawns is unstoppable.]

49.♔e6! ♖h5 50.d7 ♖h6 51.♔f7 ♖h7

[After 51...♖c6 52.d8♕ ♔c4 (52...♔c3 53.♕a5 ♔b2 54.♕b5) 53.♕d2 ♔b5 54.♕c1



...now that the queen has successfully blocked the opponent's passed pawn, the white f-pawn is ready to march: 54...♔b4 55.f4 ♔c3 56.f5 ♖c7 57.♔e6 ♖b7 58.f6 ♖b1 59.♕e3 ♔b2 60.♕f2+– Quite pretty geometry can be seen after the more or less forced sequence: 60...♔c3 61.f7 c1♕ 62.f8♕ as here both white queens successfully cover potential checks by the opponent (b6, e1, e3, h6).]

52.♔e8 ♖h8 53.♔e7 ♖h7 54.♔d8 ♖h6 55.♖c2 ♔c2 56.♔c7 1 : 0

Tamaz Gelashvili, Baku 2016. Photo by Andreas Kontokanis

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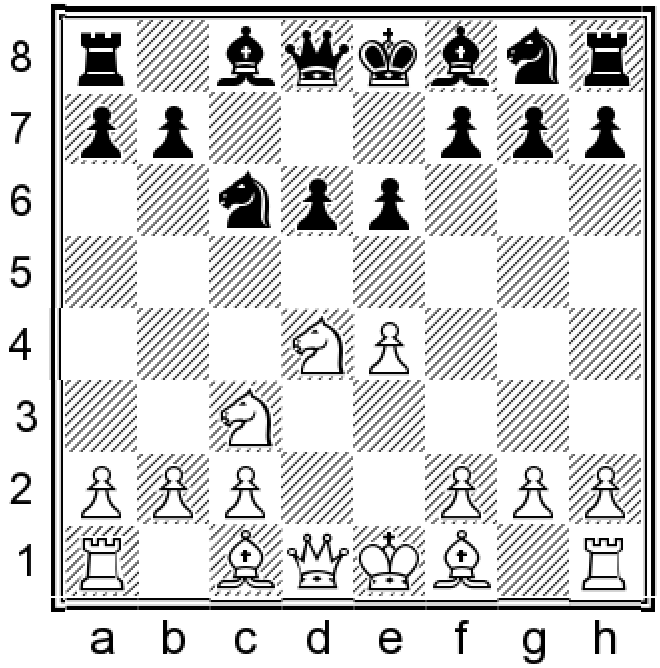
Volokitin 2647 – Babula 2540
Round 10, Baku Olympiad 2016

1.e4 c5 During the pre-game preparation I was pretty sure that my opponent’s reply to 1.e4 would be 1...e5, as seen in a previous game we played against each other. Naturally, for this reason we spent most of our time preparing for 1...e5. However, the move actually played was considerably less analysed by my team and in fact I did not use my prepared analysis against 1...c5.

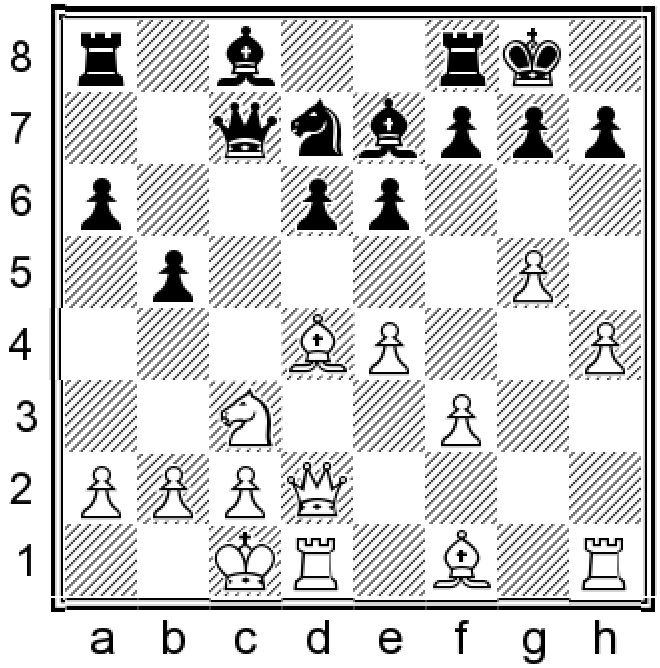
2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.♘d4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 d6



6.♗e3 I spent about six minutes on this opening choice.
[In the last few games in which I had this position, my choice was 6.g4. Moreover, when our team coach Aleksandar Sulipa asked me what I would do if this order of moves occurred in the game, I told him that I would go 6.g4. However, during the game, I decided to avoid any possible preparation by my opponent and play a different move.]

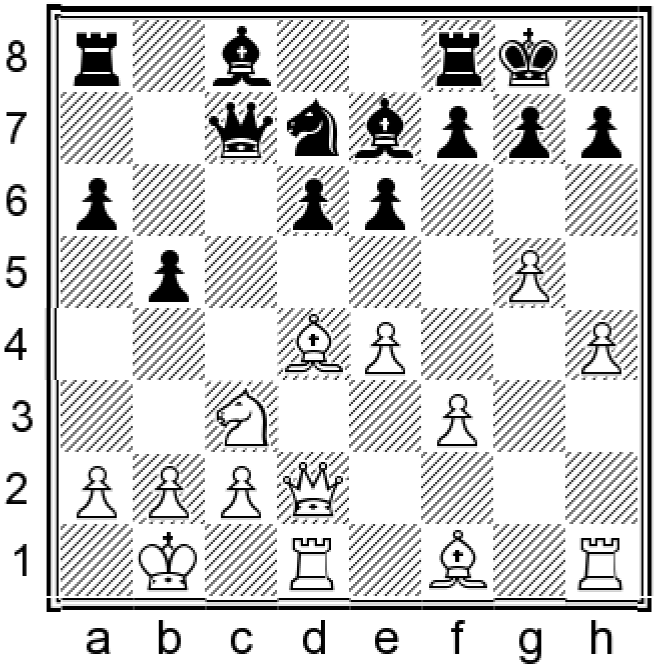
6...♘f6 7.♕d2 ♗e7 8.f3 0-0 9.0-0-0 a6
As he made this move instantly, it was evident that Vlastimil was set on playing a decisive game.
[In other words, he rejected the less ambitious variation 9...d5 in which Black can fight only for equality.]

10.g4 ♘d7 11.h4 ♘d4 12.♗d4 b5 13.g5 ♕c7



So, in the end we got into a well-known theoretical line with opposite sides castling and mutual attacks, which often arises from the Najdorf variation. I already had some experience of playing this sharp line, since way back in 2003 I adopted it twice with the black pieces at the European Championship against Bologan and Ivanchuk.

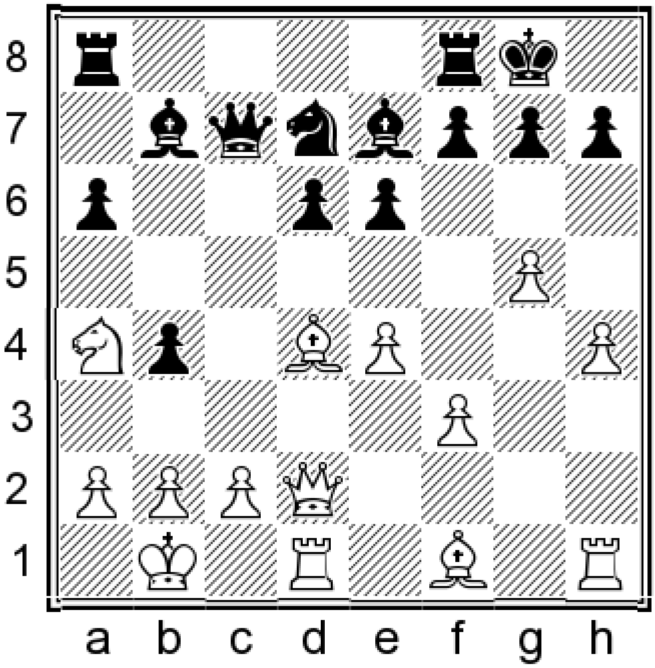
14.♔b1



I spent no less than 36 minutes deciding on this well-known theoretical move! I will try to explain what took my time. First, I was unable to recall my analysis in this variation and second, I was feeling more nervous during this game than in any other I played at the Baku Olympiad. Knowing that in sharp lines each move carries a big responsibility, my choices were quite time consuming and not so practical. Apart from the game move, White could have opted for one of two other branches:

[14.h5 and 14.a3]

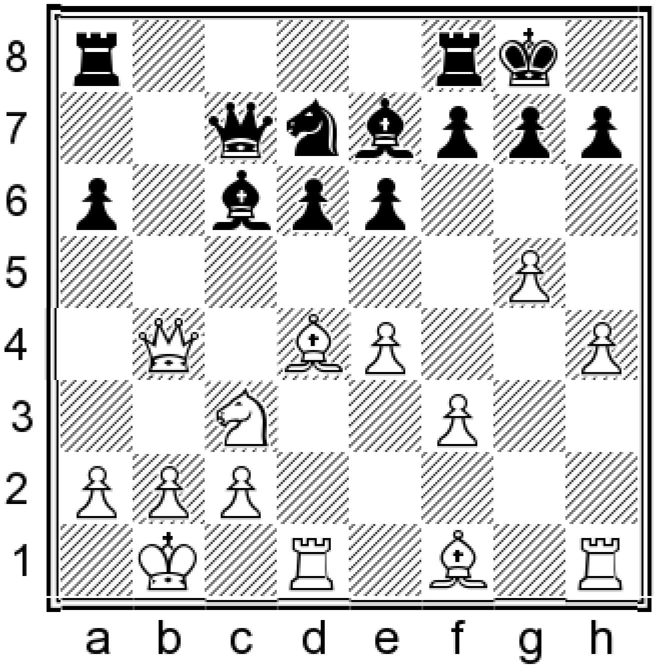
14...b4 15.♘a4 ♗b7



16.♕b4 After long and painful thought, I chose probably the most impractical option of all, where White grabs a pawn but at the same time has to switch to dour defence. Moreover, here White has to play some only moves.

[In this position, it seems to me that Bologan made a better choice in our game from 2003, where he played 16.b3 to which I replied 16...d5. However, in this line, White himself sacrifices a pawn with 17.g6 as Bologan in fact did... There is also 17.h5 de4 18.g6. Both these options were better than what I chose in the present game with Babula.]

16...♗c6 17.♘c3

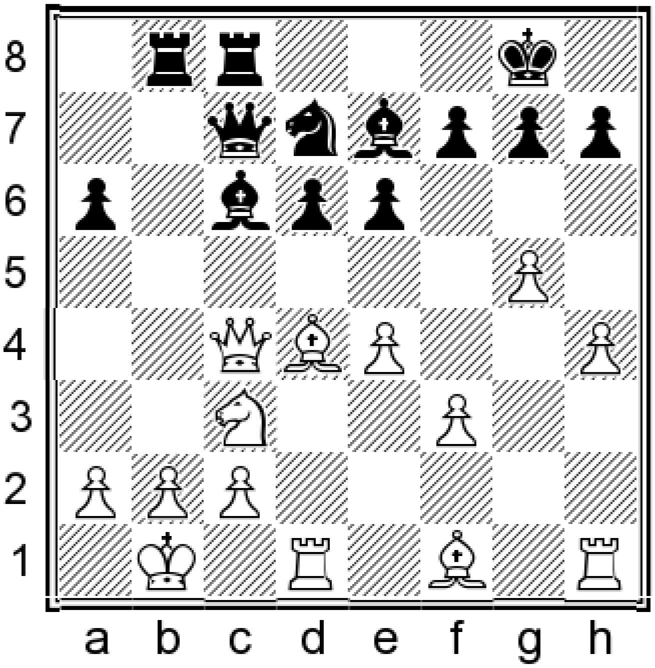


Vlastimil Babula. Photo by Harald Fietz

17...♖fc8 Vlastimil noticed how much time I had spent on my previous calculations and decided to leave the well-trodden paths, thereby introducing a new and interesting move.
[Previously, he had played 17...♖fb8 18.♕c4 ♘e5 19.♕e2 ♗b5, as in Van Kampen – Babula 2015, which I was ready to meet with 20.♕f2.]

18.♕c4 I spent 12 minutes on this natural move. White’s queen is not stable on b4, since either black rook can threaten it from b8, so this retreat is logical. For me, this position was new and I wanted to delve into it as deeply as possible.

18...♖ab8



19.b3

A sturdy move which consumed another nine minutes on my clock. Clearly I wanted to defend against the possible ...♕b7, but nevertheless another consecutive queen retreat would have been stronger.

[19.♕e2! ♗a8 (Now, upon 19...♕b7?! follows 20.b3±) 20.♕e3! Practically the only move as White has taken control of an important square for his bishop: that on a7! Clearly, the ♕c4-e2-e3 manoeuvre was hard to find during the game. 20...♕a5! 21.♕d2! ♗f8⩱ Defending against ♘d5.]

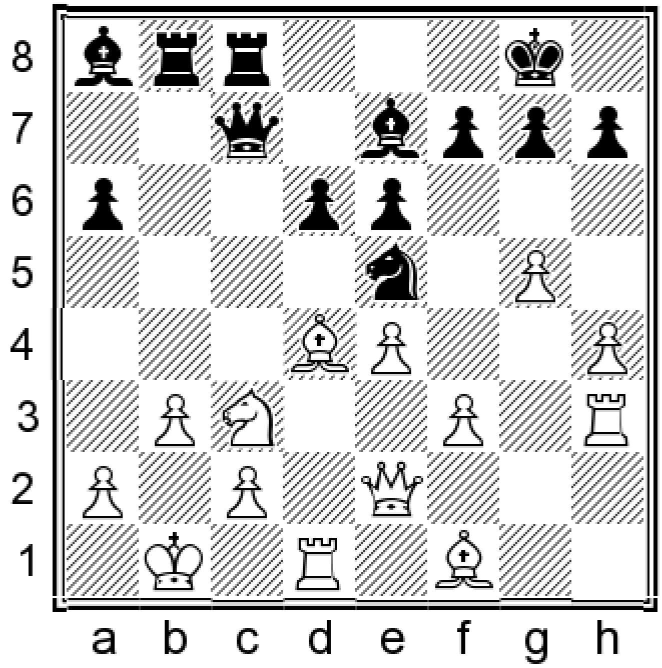
Now Black's possession of semi-open files for his rooks, directed at the white king, as well as possibilities of ...♘e5, gives him compensation for the pawn.

19...♘e5! 20.♕e2 ♗a8!

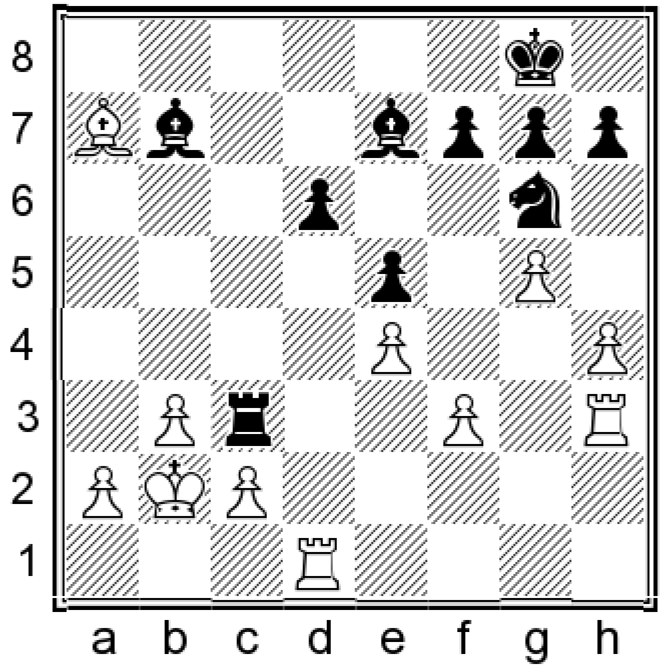
Vlastimil is up to the mark! He is posing the maximum number of problems for me. The threat is ...♘c6.

21.♕g2?? A blunder, made as a consequence of a long period of thought, accompanied by fatigue and nervousness. The idea behind this move is to make ♗f6 work in some lines. Of course, I didn't want to give up my bishop.

[21.♗e5?! de5 22.♘a4 ♗c6 23.♘b2 a5 when Black's compensation will only increase. Instead, the move suggested immediately after the game by our team coach Aleksandar Sulipa was 21.♖h3, which looks very logical.



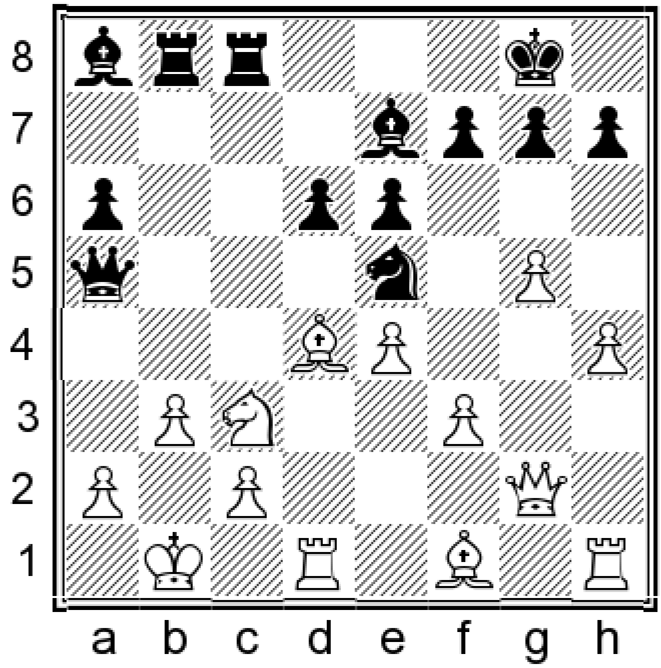
But then comes 21...♘g6!. Only this tactical response identifies the weaknesses of the rook move. (Here 21...♘c6 is not so dangerous, because of the simple 22.f4±) After the very strong 22.♕e3!, there is a possibly forced non-standard endgame: 22...e5 23.♗a7 ♖b7 24.♗a6 ♕c3 25.♕c3 ♖c3 26.♗b7 ♗b7 27.♔b2±]



White has a rook and a couple of pawns for two minor pieces. This ending is in White's favour because of his two connected passed pawns on the queenside.

[During the game I did not want to give back the pawn by 21.♘a4 ♘f3 22.♗b2 ♘e5 23.♘c3± in return for which I could have consolidated my position and devised a clear plan: ♖h1–h3-g3, h4-h5, which would provide me with an initiative. In any case, after both 21.♖h3 and 21.♘a4, White obtains an advantage, whereas now the situation drastically changes.

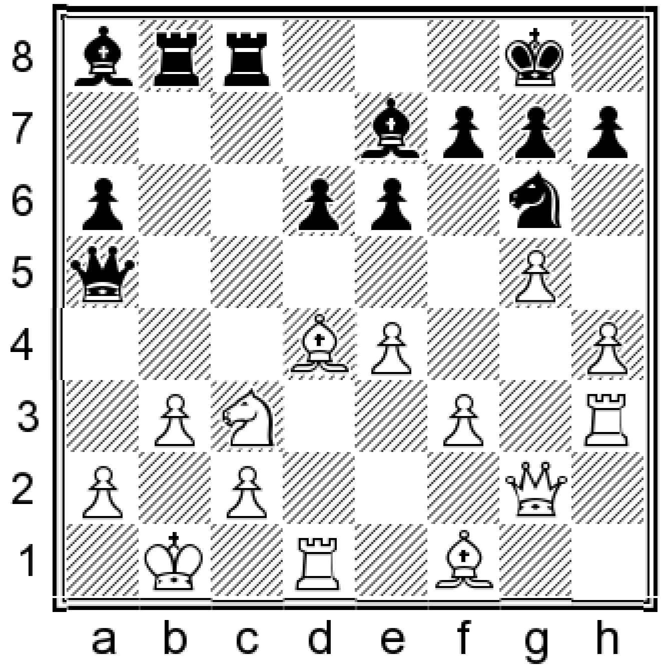
21...♕a5!



A very strong move which I completely missed. Now White faces serious problems.

22.♖h3! The best defence.
[Of course, very bad for White would have been 22.♘e2?? ♖c2–+]

22...♘g6!

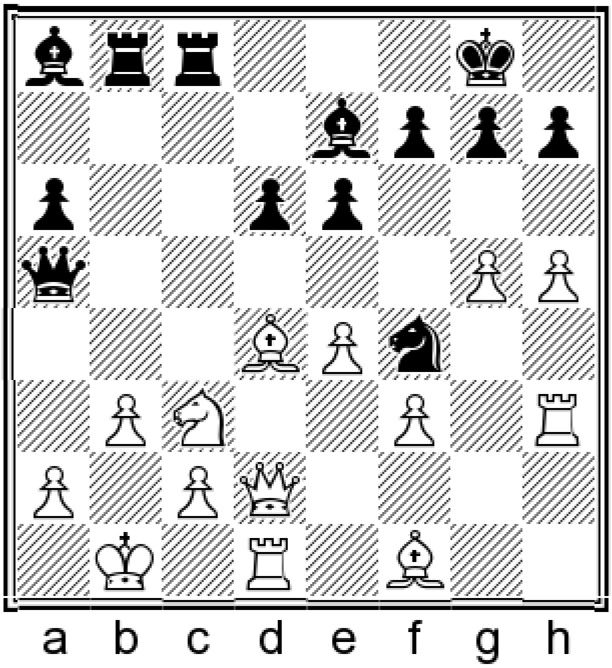


Vlastimil conducts this segment of the game simply brilliantly. I must say that I was at this point already in serious time trouble, having only three minutes for 18 moves, whereas my opponent had 23 minutes.

23.h5? After quickly calculating a few lines and making this move, I was left with just one minute on the clock and there was simply not enough time to find the most tenacious continuation:
[23.♕d2! and after 23...e5 24.♗a7! ♖b7 25.♗f2! ♕c3 26.♗a6 ♖d7! 27.♗c8 ♕c8∓. Here, in contrast to the ending we analyzed after 21.♖h3, we have a middlegame in which all Black’s pieces are active, although there is still a lot of fight

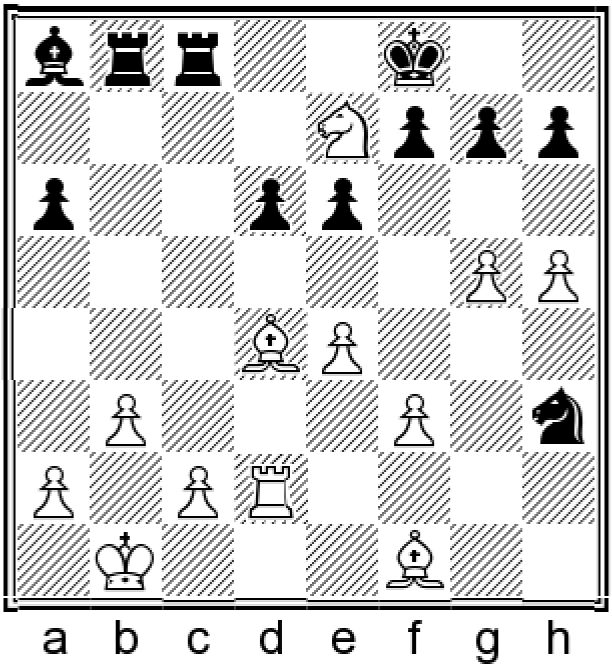
ahead.]

23...♘f4 24.♕d2



24...♘h3?? The culmination of the entire game, and perhaps the entire match. Vlastimil suddenly blunders and takes the rook. What he miscalculated and why he didn't take the pawn on g5, will remain a mystery to us all.
[After 24...♗g5! 25.♖g3 h6 White has to give up the exchange and without any compensation: 26.♔b2 ♘h5 27.♖g5 hg5∓ when the only question that remains is how to overcome any difficulties that he may encounter in converting Black's advantage.]

25.♘d5! A typical idea. **25...♕d2 26.♘e7 ♔f8 27.♖d2=**

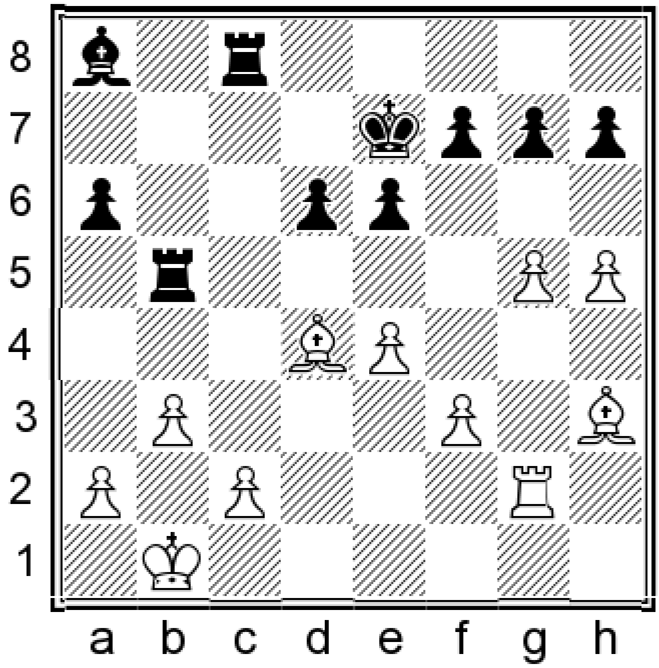


At this point I felt I was already completely safe and that I would make a draw with ease.

27...♔e7

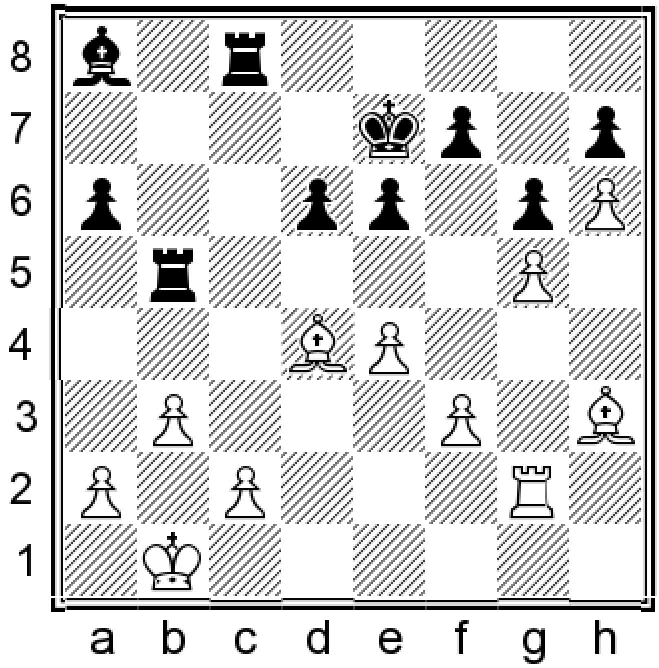
[The alternative capture 27...♘g5 offered Black nothing, although upon 28.♘c8 ♘f3 29.♗g7! ♔g7 30.♖g2 ♔f8 31.♗a6 it is important for him to find a complicated move which equalizes immediately: 31...h6!= with the idea of ...♘g5. Moreover, all this had to be seen when calculating the lines on move 27.]

28.♗h3 ♖b5 29.♖g2



29...g6? A serious positional mistake as Black yields all the dark squares to his opponent's bishop. Now White's advantage becomes obvious and so psychologically I had to adjust myself to playing for a win.
[The simplest was 29...♔f8! with the idea of ...h6, when the game could have ended something like 30.a4 ♖a5 31.♗b6 ♖e5 32.♗d4 ♖a5=]

30.h6



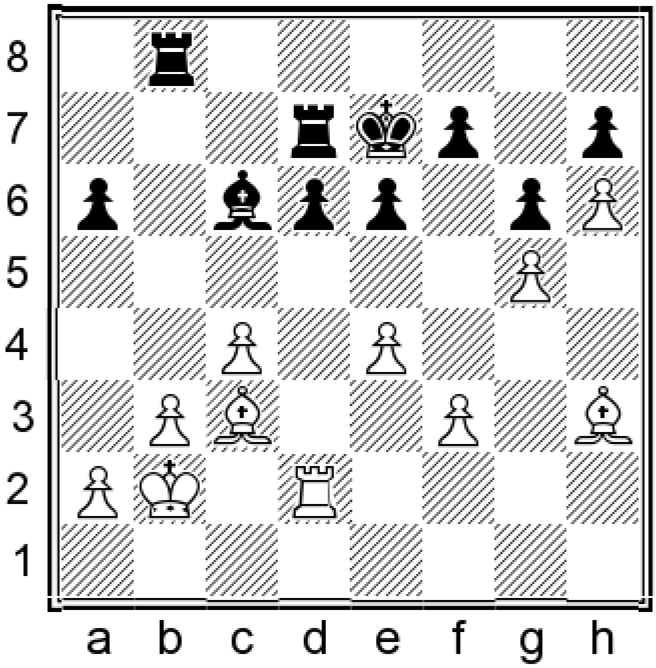
A pretty weird, time-trouble move. Instead of taking advantage of a semi-open file, I just closed it permanently.
[After the correct 30.♗f6! ♔d7 31.♖h2± White has the upper hand.]

30...♗c6 Passively played.
[Black had to try 30...d5! and after 31.♗f6 ♔e8 32.♖e2 White retains a certain advantage, though the game is more difficult to win as Black’s pieces are very active and it’s not easy for White to advance his queenside pawns.]

31.c4! Now White achieves total domination.

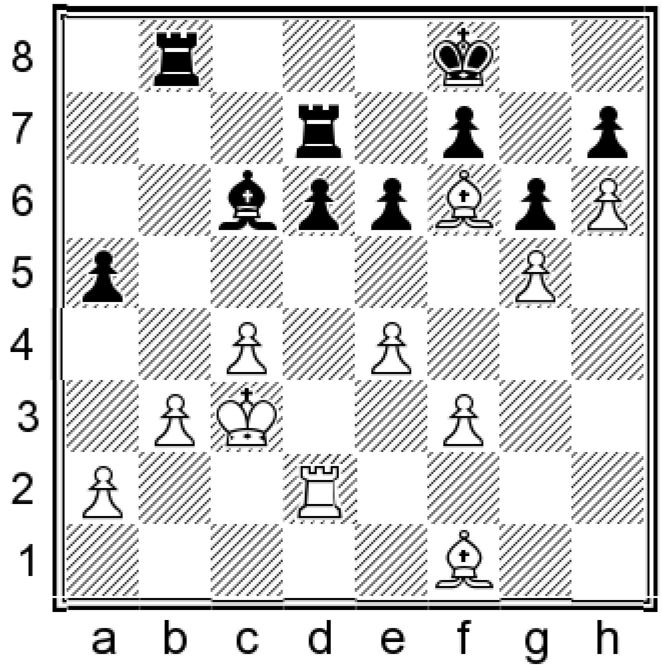
31...♖b7 32.♖d2 ♖d7 33.♗f6 ♔e8 34.♔b2 ♖b8 35.♗c3 One should not hurry in positions like this, especially when the time control has yet to be passed.

35...♔e7



36.♗f6
[Here I had the option of further strengthening my position with 36.b4 and then continuing ♔b3 and a4, but I decided to leave any active operations until after the time control.]

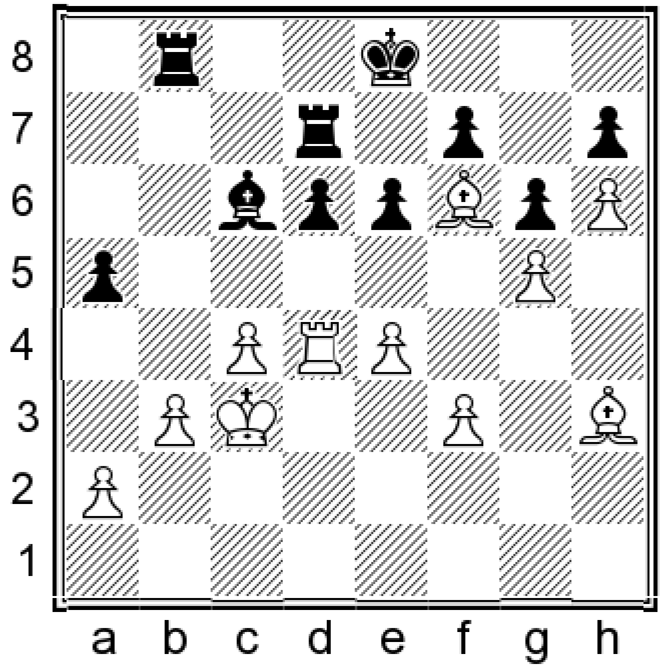
36...♔e8 37.♔c3 a5 38.♗f1 ♔f8 39.♗h3 ♔e8 40.♗f1 ♔f8



Time trouble is over and the moment has come to calmly assess both the position on the board and also the situation in the entire match. By now, the other three games had already been completed and we were leading by one point. I assessed my position as being strategically winning, and moreover my opponent was clearly demoralised, so without hesitation I made up my mind to endeavour to increase our margin of victory.

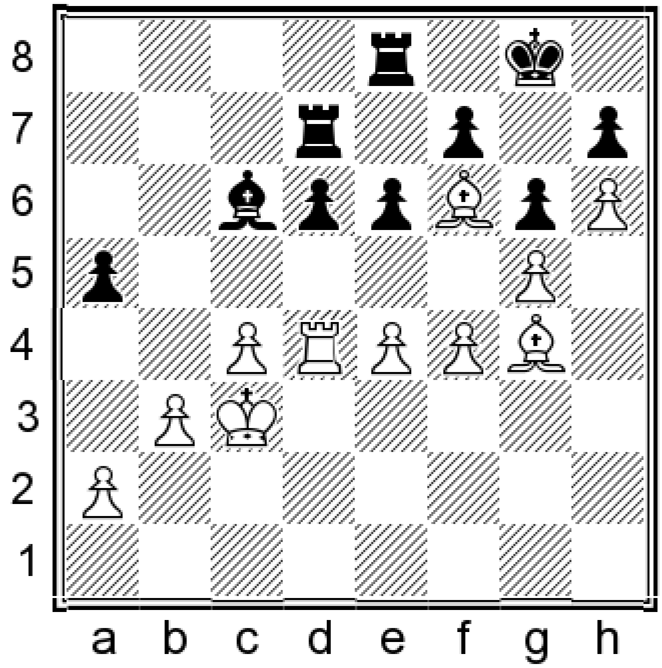
41.♖d4! Spending ten minutes to find the correct winning plan, I hit upon this strong move: White prepares f4-f5 and also a3 and b4, so it will be very hard for Black to simultaneously prevent pawn breaks on both wings.

41...♔e8 42.♗h3



42...♔f8 It was evident that Vlastimil was very upset with his position and failed to defend in the best way.
[More stubborn resistance was offered by 42...♖c8, with the idea of ...d5, although after the prophylactic 43.♔b2! White should still win in the long run.]

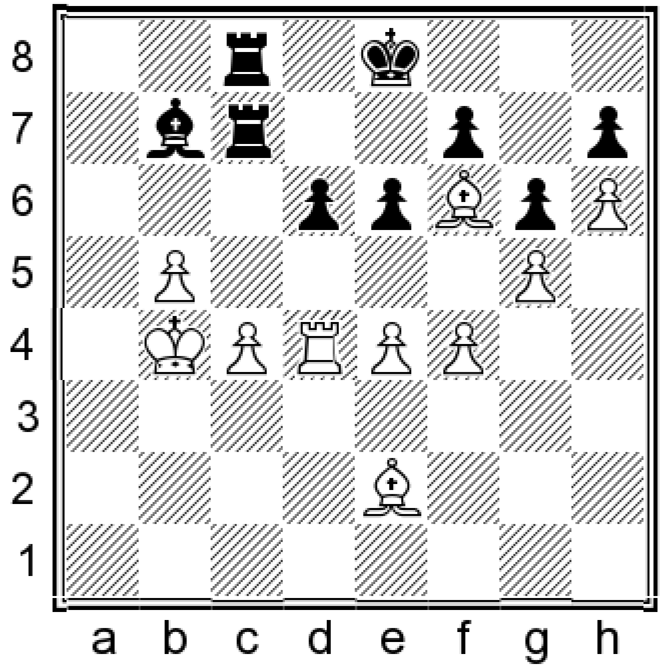
43.♗g4 ♔g8 44.f4 ♖e8



45.a3! Making possible a second pawn-break.

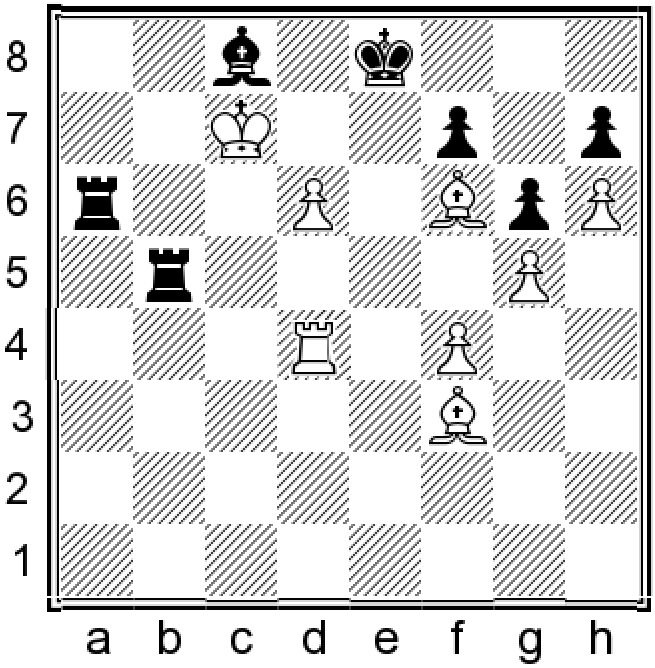
45...♔f8 46.b4 ab4 47.ab4 ♖c8 48.♔b3+– ♔e8 49.b5 ♗b7 50.♔b4
White has made maximum progress on the queenside, now he just needs to break with either f4-f5 or e4-e5.

50...♖dc7 51.♗e2



51...d5 My opponent will no longer put up with passive defence and tries to find some counterplay.
[True, upon 51...♖d7 52.e5! de5 53.♖d7 ♔d7 54.♗e5+– White's pawns will eventually gain promotion.]

52.ed5 ed5 53.cd5! ♖c1 54.d6 ♖b1 55.♔a5 ♖a8 56.♔b6 ♗c8 57.♗f3 ♖a6 58.♔c7 ♖b5



59.♖e4! Now checkmate cannot be averted. So in the end we won 3–1 and were assured of an Olympic medal.
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During our meeting on the eve of the last round, I told my teammates that we had to try to win with the maximum score, as only then would we have chances of first place. I personally faced a difficult task: to reach a playable position with the black pieces against a theoretically well-prepared opponent who was also a strong player: Matej Sebenik. That night I was wondering what I should play and in my head I went over almost every possible opening, but to no avail. In fact my decision came only the next morning after breakfast. Aleksandar Sulipa came to my room and suggested that I play against the Catalan with a bishop check on b4. In fact I had already undertaken a qualitative analysis of this line, but that was way back at the end of 2010. Nevertheless, after showing me some fresh ideas, our coach approved my choice, so I was ready for a fight...

E15
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1.♘f3 A surprise. In the majority of games, my opponent had started with 1.d4 and that was namely the move I expected.

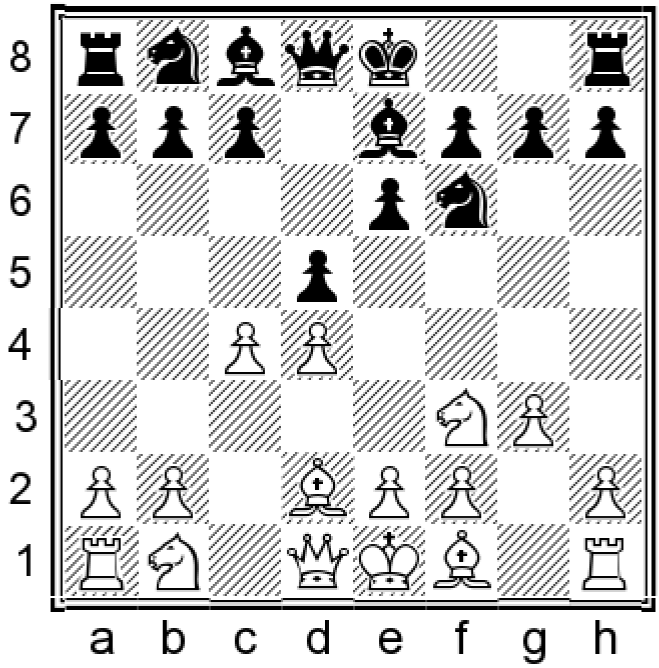
1...d5 Not straying from the main course. Recently, in reply to 1.♘f3, I have often played the setup with 1...c5 and ...♘f6, so it was clear to me that Matej had prepared something against that.

2.d4 ♘f6 3.c4 e6 4.g3
The expected choice. Matej is an adherent of the Catalan, and in 2010 we had played a game with this opening in the Slovenian team championship...

4...♗b4
[...where, after 4...dc4, I had rapidly drifted into a bad position, although that game did finally end in a draw.]

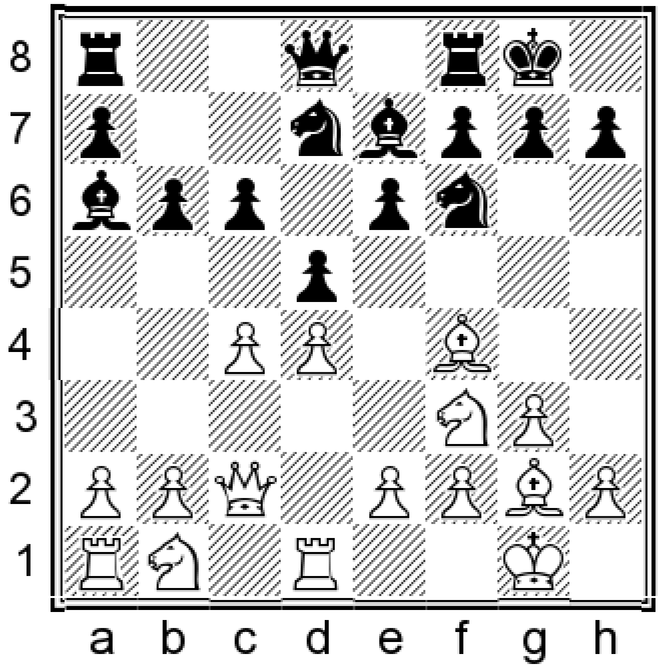
5.♗d2
[I had also predicted this strong move, although Matej has played 5.♘bd2 here as well.]

5...♗e7



The last time I played this variation was in 2011. Black’s main idea is to leave the bishop standing on d2 where it is worse placed than on c1. Also the setup with b3 and ♗b2 is not possible now.

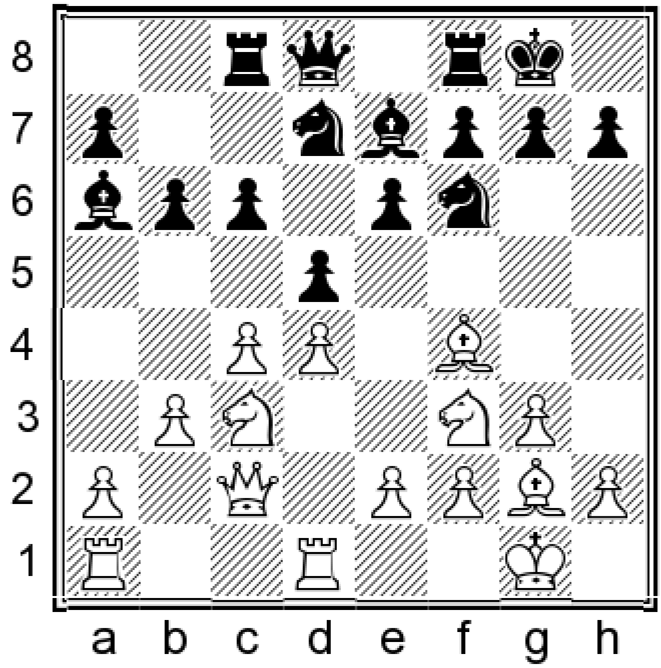
6.♗g2 0-0 7.0-0 c6 8.♕c2 b6 9.♗f4 ♘bd7 10.♖d1 ♗a6



This variation is more active than 10...♗b7 which I have also adopted twice.

11.b3 A solid move. The same position could also be reached from the Queen’s Indian, but the important nuance is that my opponent prefers to play 5.♕a4 against that, so the ideas contained within this position might not have been very familiar to him.
[In preparation, we paid more attention to the options 11.cd5 and 11.♘e5.]

11...♖c8 12.♘c3

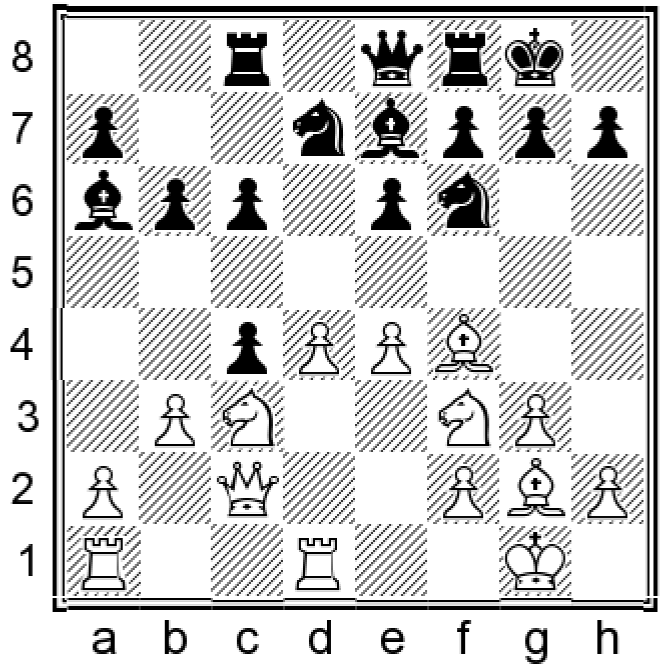


12...♕e8!? It is perfectly clear that employing the main line 12...♘h5 would be equivalent to playing strictly for a draw. But we absolutely rejected this policy and our principal choice was the original move 12...♕e8. However our last round preparation was not very deep, as we had very limited time at our disposal.

[Upon the immediate 12...dc4, apart from the main line 13.e4, White also has two additional options: 13.bc4 and 13.♘d2.]

13.e4 The principled continuation.

13...dc4



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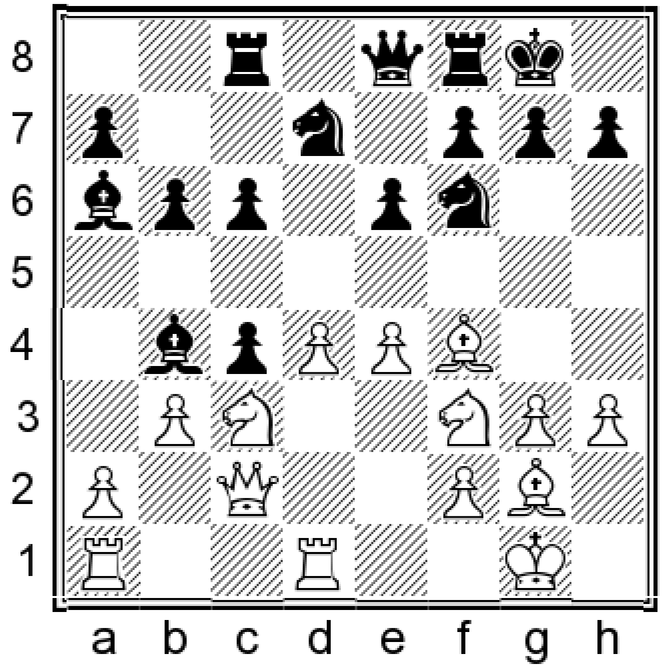
14.h3 My opponent made this move pretty incisively, spending only two minutes on it. Moreover, at this point his clock was showing 1 hour 29 minutes. I had even started to get the impression that this position was part of his home preparation before the game.

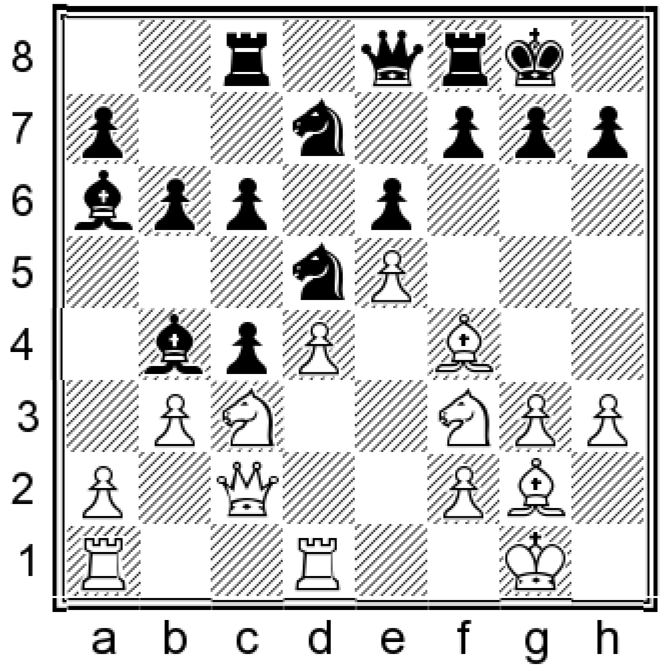
[The idea behind this move is to take control of the g4 square and prepare ♘d2, since the immediate 14.♘d2 is weak due to 14...e5!. In fact, supporting the ...e5 break is one of the major ideas of the move 12...♕e8. Then, after 15.de5 ♘g4!, at the very least Black should be fine.]

14...♗b4!=



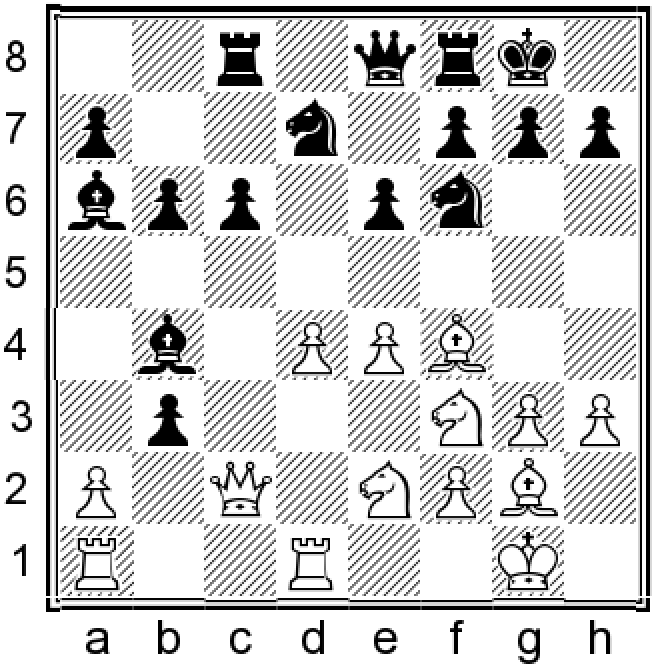
This is quite a typical and principled move for such a position, and I considered it for 21 minutes. But after I played it on the board, my opponent plunged into deep thought for a whole 37 minutes and thus dispelled my false impressions about his knowledge of the position and in particular the move 14.h3.

15.♘e2?N A serious tactical oversight. What were the alternatives for White? Let’s take them in order: [The first move I calculated during the game was 15.♘d2, to which I would have correctly answered 15...♘h5! 16.♗e3 f5! with the idea of ...f4 and excellent play for Black. It would have been very difficult for my opponent to make such a move as 15.e5 over the board, as there is a big responsibility in giving away the d5-square. Yet, perhaps he should have played precisely this move. 15...♘d5



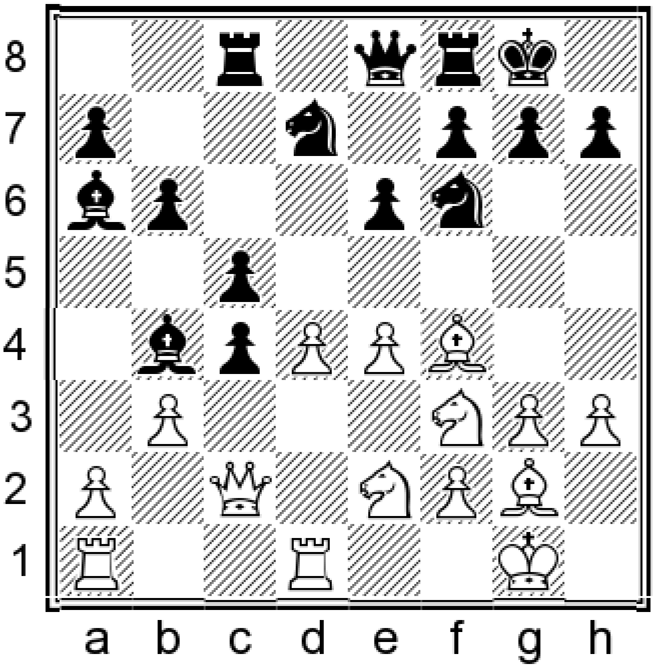
16.♘e4 A concrete move, with the idea of regaining the pawn on c4 and also playing ♘fg5. (The typical thrust 16.♘g5?! does not work here due to the simple reply 16...f5!∓) I think the best option for Black is to go for a draw after 16...f5! 17.♘d6! ♗d6 18.ed6 c3 19.♘e5! ♘e5 20.♗e5! (The pawn recapture 20.de5 is not dangerous for Black because of 20...♕h5! with the idea of ...g5 and ...♖f7.) 20...f4 21.♗d5 cd5 22.gf4 ♕h5= with a probable draw. We can conclude that 14.h3 is harmless for Black and White should look for something better instead. The computer recommendation 15.♗d2 is also not dangerous for Black, as after 15...e5! 16.♘b1 c5! 17.d5 cb3 18.ab3 ♗e2 19.♖e1 ♗f3 20.♗f3 a5∓, followed by ...♕e7 and ...♘e8-d6, Black remains simply a pawn up.]

15...cb3?

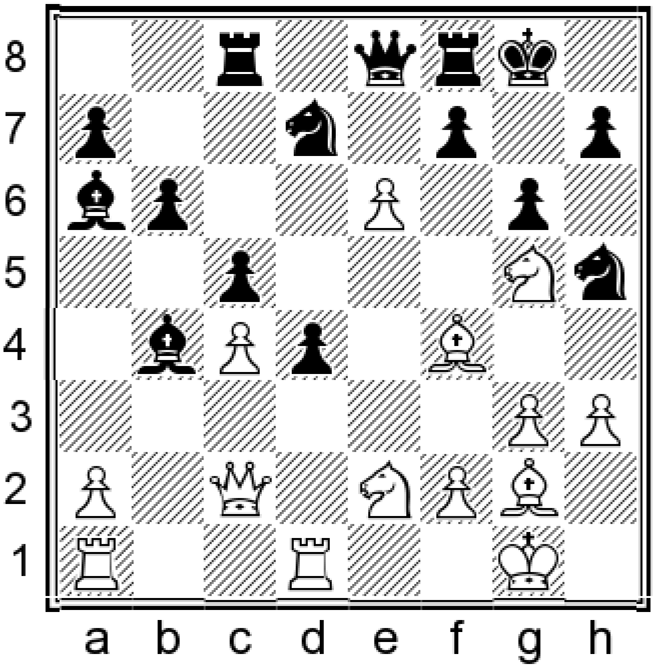


I made this move almost without thinking, after spending just one minute on it, so my haste is the cause of this responsive mistake.

[A little deeper thought into the position would have led me easily to the correct 15...c5!

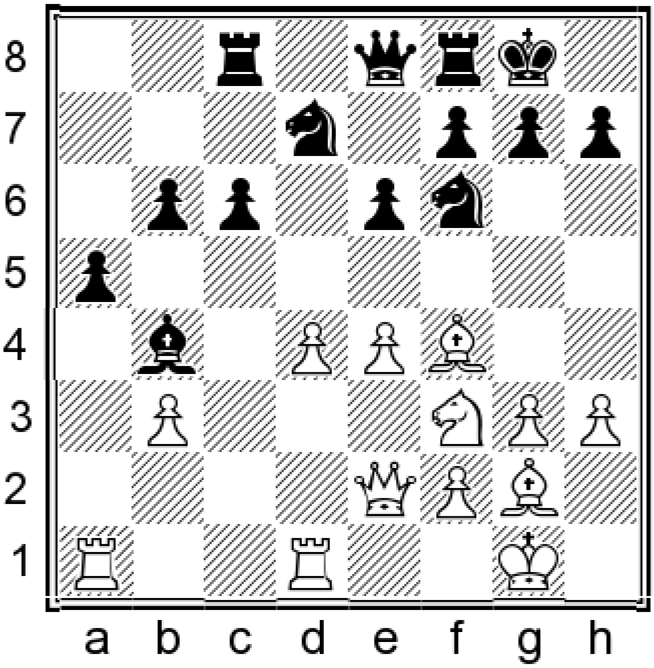


16.d5! (16.♗d6? loses on the spot due to 16...cb3 17.♕b2 ♘e4 18.♗f8 ♗e2 19.♕e2 ♘c3–+) 16...ed5 17.e5! d4! (17...g6 18.ef6 cb3 19.ab3 ♕e2 20.♕c1) 18.bc4 ♘h5 19.♘g5 g6 20.e6



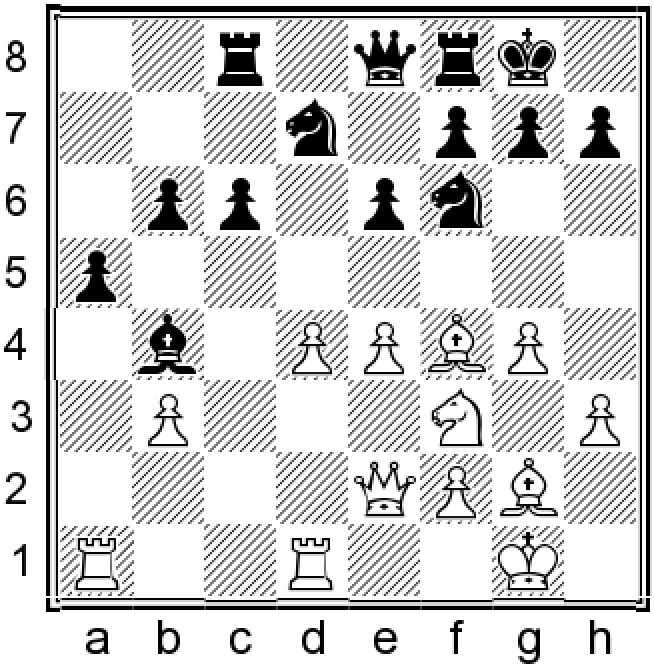
White creates counterplay, thanks to the activity of his pieces. Here the easiest way for Black to extinguish this counterplay is by sacrificing the exchange, thereby gaining a stable advantage. 20...fe6! 21.♗d6 ♗a5! 22.♗f8 ♘f8∓. Having two pawns for the exchange is clearly in Black's favour.]

16.ab3 ♗e2 17.♕e2 a5



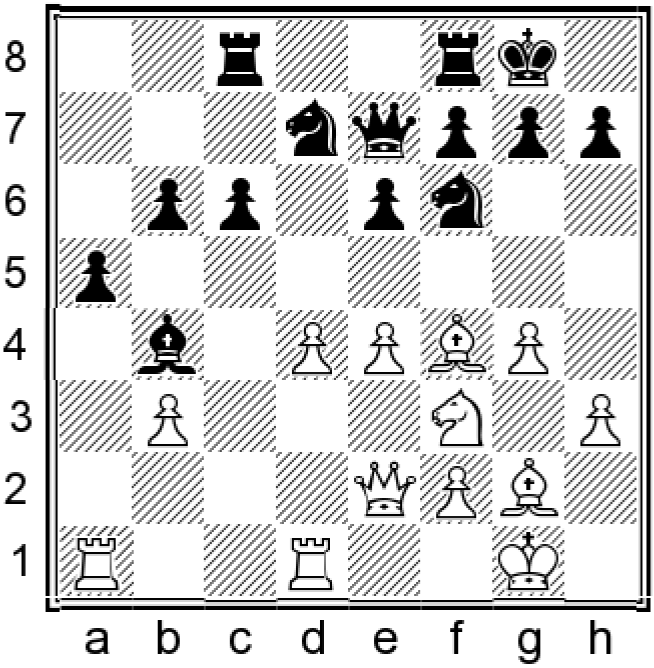
As a result, we have reached a playable position, precisely what I was aiming for prior to the game. Black is a pawn up, although White has compensation in his bishop-pair and pawn centre.

18.g4



One of the possible plans for White in this position is to gain space on the kingside.

18...♕e7!



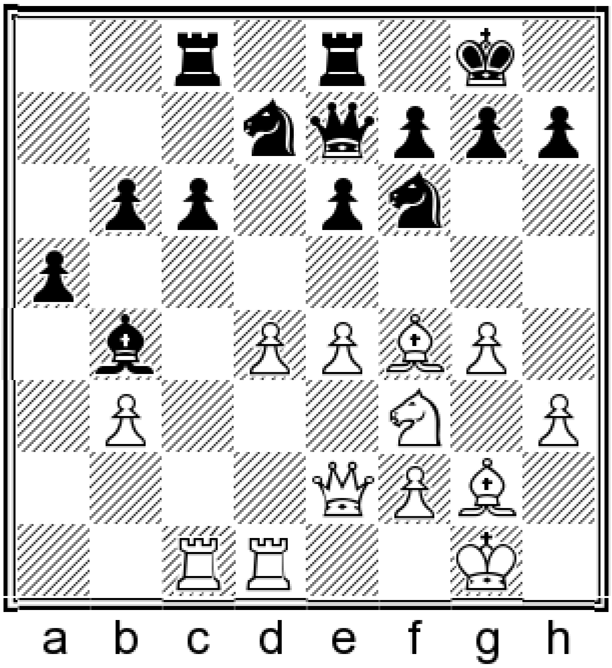
The correct reaction as Black can now simply strengthen his position.

19.♖ac1 A natural developing move.
[During the game I had the impression that there could be some danger for Black in the pin 19.♗g5, to which I was ready to respond 19...e5.

A) Then the best for White is 20.♖ac1, transposing to the position in the game.

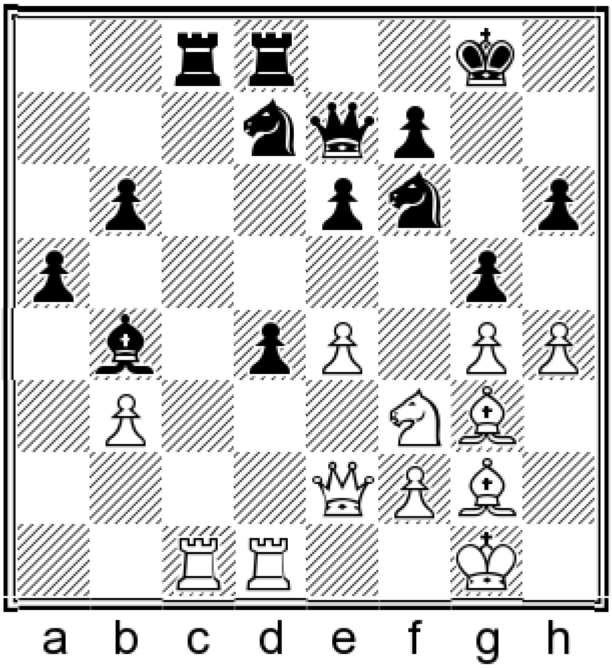
B) On the other hand, completely harmless for Black would have been 20.de5 ♘e5 21.♘d4 (21.♘e5? ♕e5 22.f4 ♕e6∓) 21...♘g6! 22.♘f5 ♕e5, taking control of the dark squares.]

19...♖fe8



This unusual move can be explained by my anxiety over ♗g5.

[The natural 19...♖fd8! was much stronger. However, after 20.♗g5 h6 21.♗h4 it was precisely this pin that I disliked during the game. I just didn't want to weaken my kingside with 21...g5!, but post-game analysis proved me wrong. 22.♗g3 c5! 23.h4 cd4!



Black now has a fantastic position in all lines:

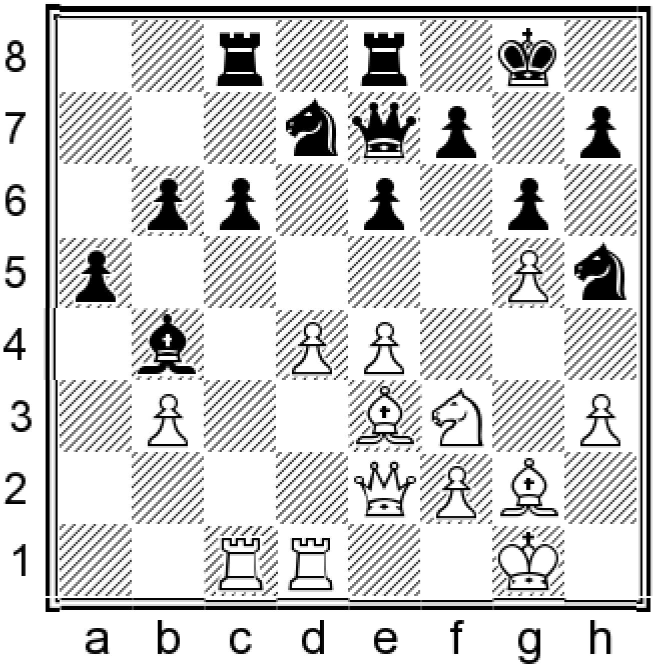
A) 24.♘d4 gh4! 25.♗c7 (25.♗h4 ♘e5!∓ Δ 26.♗g3 ♘fg4! 27.♖c8 ♖c8 28.f3 ♖c3!–+; or 25.♗f4 ♖c1 26.♖c1 ♕f8 27.♘c6 ♖e8∓) 25...♖c7! 26.♖c7 ♕d6∓;

B) 24.hg5? d3 25.♕d3 hg5 26.♖c8 ♖c8∓ Here it is bad for White to grab the pawn by 27.♘g5? because of 27...♖c3!∓ with the idea of ...♖g3;

C) 24.♖c8 ♖c8 25.hg5 hg5 26.♘d4 ♗c3 and it is White who has to fight for a draw.]

20.g5 Correctly played.
[There was no danger for Black after 20.♗g5 h6 21.♗h4 ♕f8!? followed by ...c5.]

20...♘h5 21.♗e3 g6



22.♘e5? This move is a blatant positional error: White spoils his pawn structure, creating a 3-1 majority of black pawns on the queenside and deadening his own bishop on g2.
[The correct course of action was to transfer the white knight via h2 to g4: 22.♘h2! c5! 23.d5 ed5 24.♖d5 ♘e5! 25.♕b5 ♘c6, although after his knight comes to d4, Black will be in no danger. On the other hand, White has full compensation for the pawn and the position can be declared dynamically balanced.]

22...♘e5 23.de5 ♕c7!∓ A multi-purpose move. I will set about converting my extra pawn.

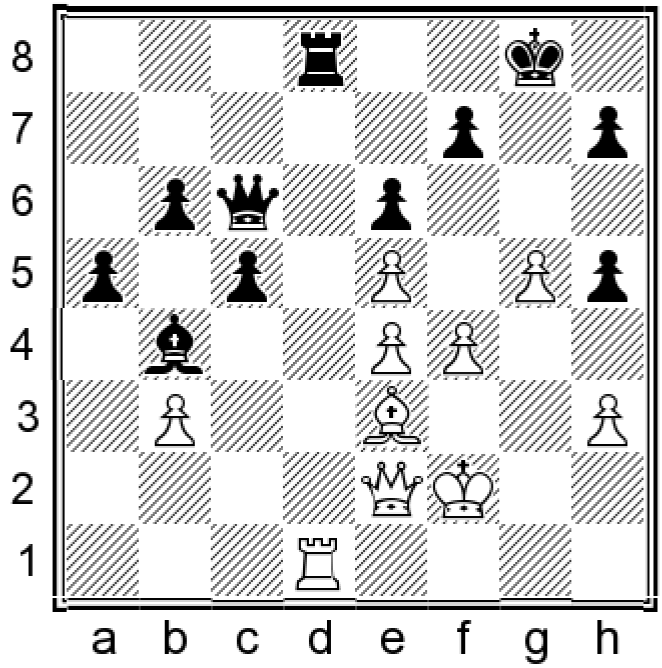
24.f4 ♖ed8 25.♗f3 c5 The idea of commencing a pawn advance without fear of my opponent capturing on h5 was fully correct. However, it would have been more precise to start with the other pawn.
[Upon 25...♖d1 26.♖d1 (26.♕d1 b5!) 26...b5! Black's pawn advance will steadily lead to a win.]

26.♗h5? Another positional mistake. White exchanges his strong bishop for the black knight on the edge of the board.
[The blockading move 26.♕b5! makes it significantly harder for Black to convert his advantage. But in any event White's position will remain difficult to defend. For example, after 26...♖d1 27.♖d1 ♖d8 28.♔f2 ♔g7 29.♗h5 gh5 30.♖d8 ♕d8 31.♔e2 ♕a8 32.♔f3 ♕b7 33.♗f2 ♕c8! 34.♗e3 ♗c3!∓ gradually lifts the blockade.]

26...gh5 27.♔f2
[If White goes for the pawn by 27.♕h5, then after 27...b5 28.♔g2 c4–+ Black rolls on with his irresistible pawn advance.]

27...♕c6–+ Black has a very simple winning plan: to push his pawns.

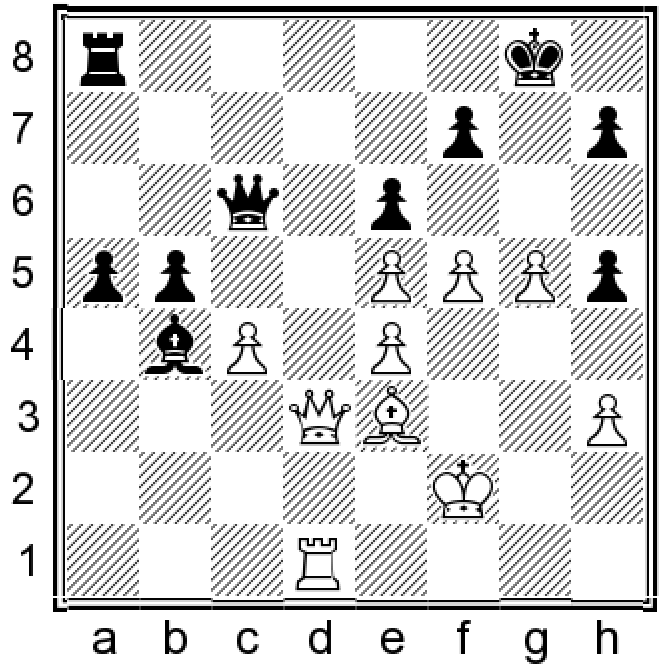
28.♖d8 ♖d8 29.♖d1



29...♖c8

[Stronger was 29...♖d1! 30.♕d1 c4 31.♕d8 ♗f8 32.bc4 ♕e4! 33.♗b6 ♕f4 34.♔g2 ♕e4 35.♔f2 ♕e5–+]

30.♕a6 ♖a8! 31.♕d3 b5! 32.f5 c4 33.bc4

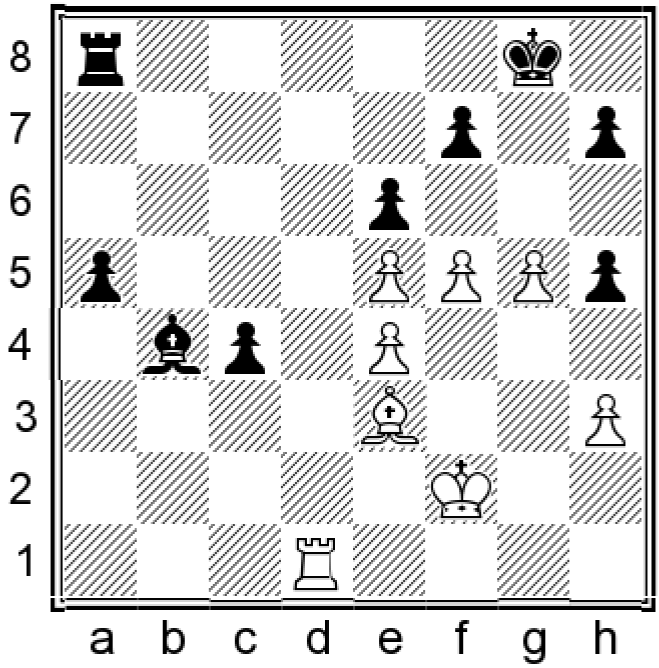


33...♕c4?

A mistake in time trouble, another consequence of my nerves. I felt that I was close to winning and so decided to trade queens.

[However after 33...bc4! 34.♕c2 a4–+ White can calmly resign as he does not have even a trace of counterplay.]

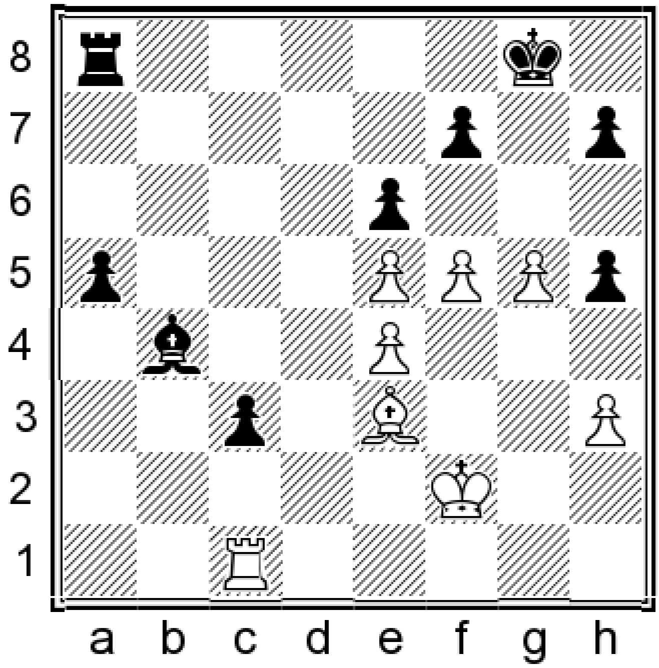
34.♕c4 bc4



The endgame is also hopeless for White, but nevertheless Black needs to be precise.

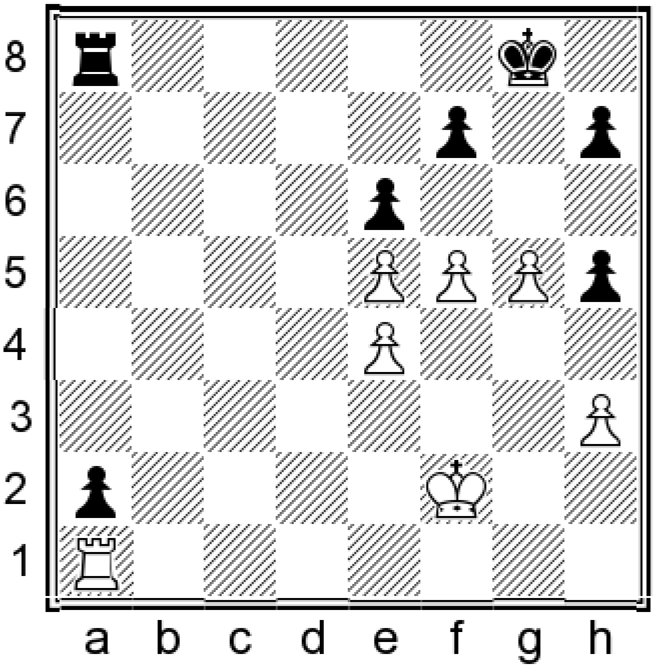
35.♖c1
[Upon 35.♖d4 ♖c8 36.♔e2 a4 37.♖d7□ 37...♖a8! 38.♗d4 a3 39.♗a1 ♗a5!–+ Black will gradually force the win.]

35...c3



36.♗d4
[The more stubborn 36.♔e2 runs into 36...♖d8! and White’s king and bishop are both cut off, leaving Black with an eventual win.]

36...a4! 37.♗c3 ♗c3 38.♖c3 a3 39.♖c1 a2 40.♖a1



40...♖a3! The finishing touch. By cutting off the white king along the third rank, Black will either capture the h3-pawn or draw closer with his own king.

41.h4 ♔f8 42.♔e2 ♖h3!
0 : 1 Volokitin

So in the end we were able to score a major victory in our match against Slovenia by 3½-½, but unfortunately we did not have the same good fortune when it came to the tie-break for the gold medals...

MEETING FIRE WITH FIRE

Canadian GM Eric Hansen annotates a crucial game against Andrei Volokitin where his emotions got the better of him.

After beating Cuba and Belarus, Canada was paired with the juggernaut that is Ukraine. Volokitin and I were both on fire on board 4 so it wasn't a surprise that the match came down to this game.

B51
Hansen 2582 – Volokitin 2647
Round 7, Baku Olympiad 2016

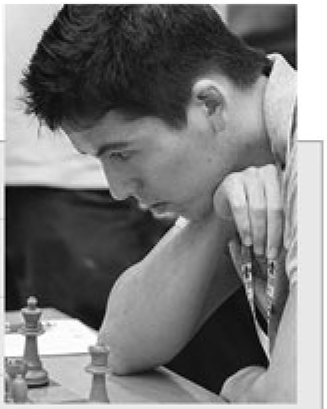
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 I had a disaster in the Najdorf the day before so I went back to 3.♗b5 where I was more comfortable.

3.♗b5 ♘d7 Certainly the most dynamic response.

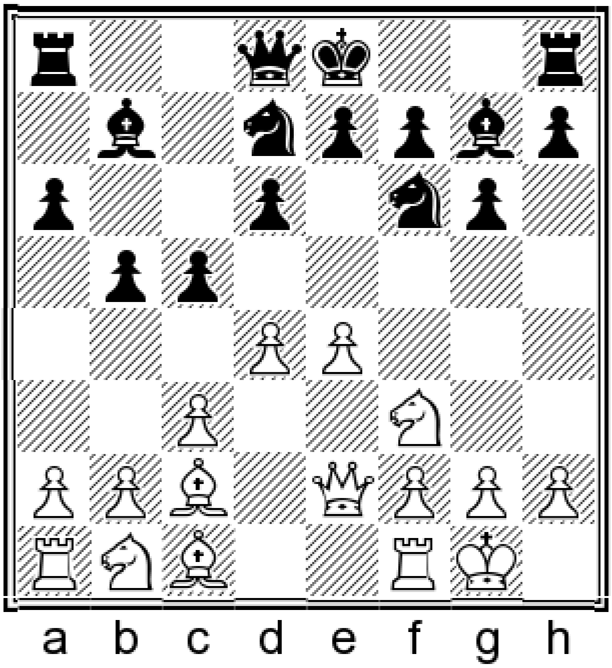
4.c3 ♘gf6 5.♕e2 a6 6.♗a4 b5 7.♗c2 ♗b7 8.0-0 g6!? I hadn’t faced this move before and couldn’t recall much about it. I was on my own.

9.d4 ♗g7

Eric Hansen



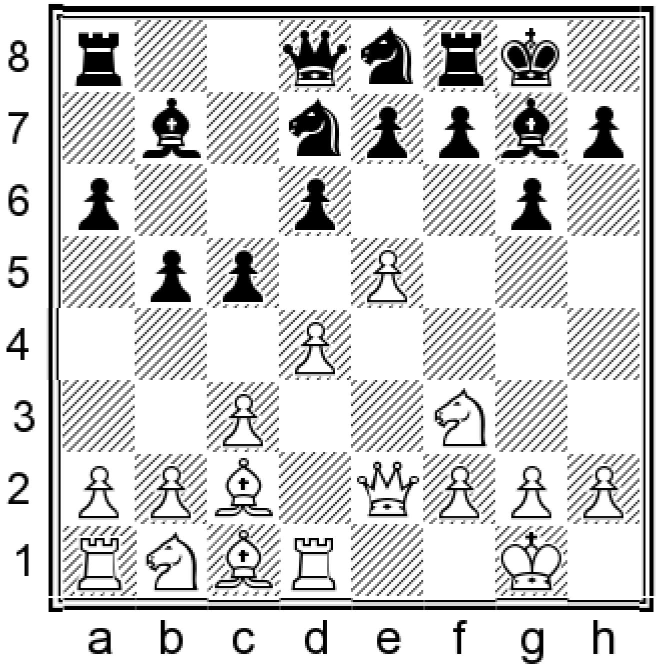
- **Country:** Canada
- **Born:** 1992
- **Rating:** 2603
- **Peak rating:** 2604
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2013



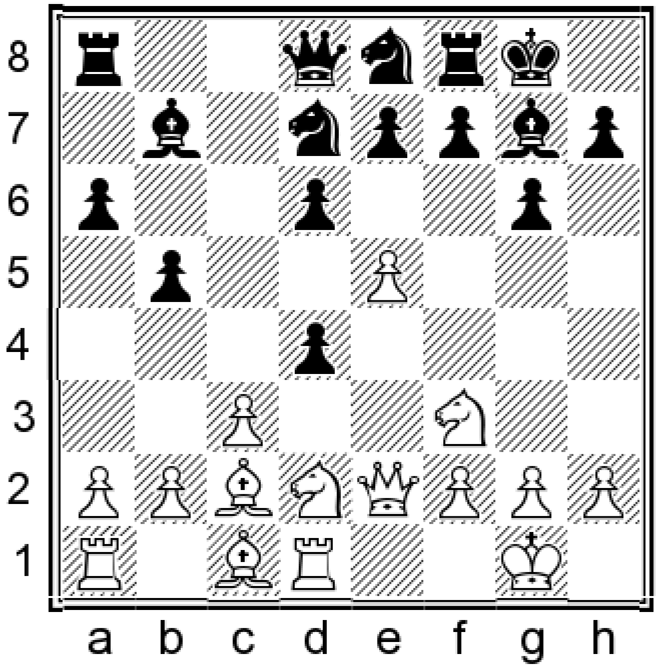
10.♖d1
[10.e5 de5 11.de5 ♗f3 12.gf3 ♘h5 13.e6 fe6 14.♕e6 ♕b6 15.♕b6 Kravtsiv 2587 – Can 2519, Albena 2014; 10.♖e1 was tried by Svetushkin a few days earlier: 10...e5 11.a4N 11...0-0 12.de5 ♘e5 13.♘e5 de5 14.ab5 ab5 15.♖a8 ♕a8 16.♘a3 b4 17.♘c4 ♖d8 18.♗g5 h6 19.♗f6 ♗f6 20.♗b3 bc3 21.bc3 ♕a6 and Black managed to equalize in Svetushkin 2543 – Nepomniachtchi 2740, Baku(ol) 2016]

10...0-0
[10...cd4 11.cd4 0-0 12.♘c3 ♖c8 13.a3 ♘b6 14.♗d3 ♖e8 15.a4 b4 16.♘b1 a5 17.♘bd2 e6 18.♘b3 ♖a8 19.♗g5↑ Adams 2722 – Dominguez Perez 2725, Istanbul (ol) 2012]

11.♘bd2
[Critical was 11.e5!? ♘e8 (11...de5 12.de5 ♘d5 13.e6; 11...♗f3?! 12.♕f3 de5 13.dc5 ♕c7 14.b4 e4 15.♕e2±)



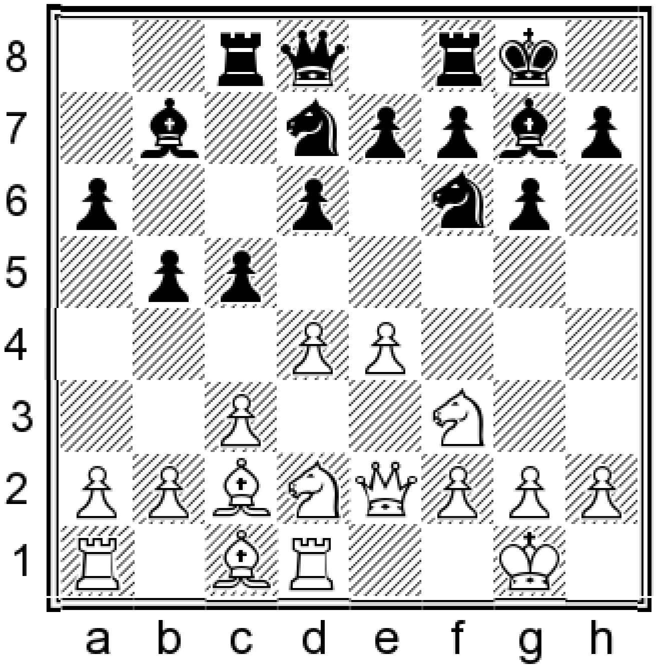
A) 12.♘bd2!?, intending ♘e4.
A1) 12...cd4



13.e6! (13.cd4 de5 14.de5 ♕c7 15.♗e4 ♗e4 16.♕e4 ♖d8 17.e6 f5 18.♕e2 ♘c5∓) 13...fe6 (13...dc3 14.ed7 cb2 15.♗b2 ♗b2 16.♖ab1 ♗g7 17.de8♕ ♖e8 18.a4±; 13...♘e5 14.ef7 ♘f7 15.♘d4 ♘c7 16.♘e4±) 14.♕e6 ♔h8 15.♕h3 dc3 16.♘g5 ♘df6;
A2) 12...♘c7 13.dc5 ♘c5 14.♘e4 ♕e8 15.♘c5 dc5 16.♗e4 ♗e4 17.♕e4 ♘e6 18.♗e3 ♕c8 19.h4±;

B) 12.e6 ♗f3 13.♕f3 (13.ef7 ♖f7 14.gf3 d5∓) 13...fe6 14.♕h3 ♘c7 15.♘d2 cd4 16.cd4 ♗d4 17.♘e4 ♗f6 18.♗b3 d5 19.♗h6 ♖f7 20.♖ac1⩱]

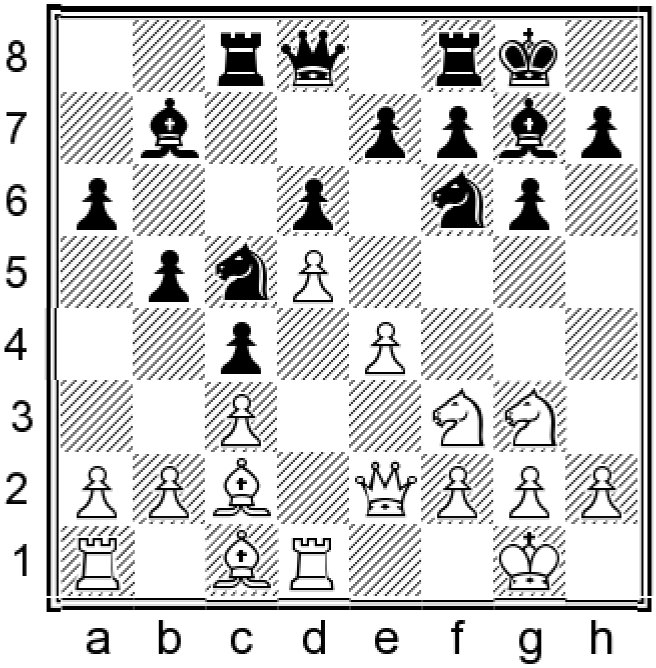
11...♖c8N
[RR 11...♕c7 Markidis 2356 – Cernousek 2466, Kecskemet 2015]



12.d5 I wasn’t particularly happy with this position but at least after 12.d5 the pieces stay on the board, despite having some sort of Spanish structure a few moves down the line. I began to regret my slow approach to the opening and wished I had gone for an e4-e5 pawn push earlier.

[After 12.♘f1 cd4 13.cd4 ♖c2 14.♕c2 ♗e4 15.♕e2 ♗b7=∞ I think Black has more than enough for the exchange with the two bishops and centre pawns. White lacks a plan with his useless knights. The main alternative 12.♗d3 c4 (12...e5) 13.♗c2 e5 (13...e6) 14.d5 (14.♘f1 ed4 15.cd4 ♘e4 16.♗e4 ♖e8 17.d5 f5–+) 14...♘h5 15.♘f1 ♘f4↑ leaves Black rather too active for my liking.]

12...c4 13.♘f1 ♘c5 14.♘g3



14...e6!∓ A powerful move which doesn’t allow White to get comfortable and finish development.

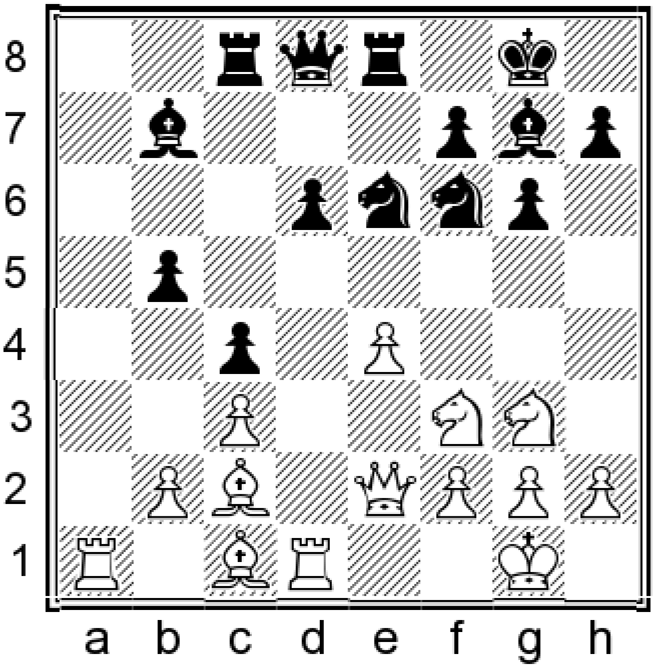
[After a normal move such as 14...♕c7 15.♗f4 in this position White has completed development and can start to think about typical breaks like b2-b4 or a2-a4 to try to gain an advantage. 15...♖cd8 16.b4 cb3 17.ab3±; 14...e5 15.b4 ♘cd7

16.a4±]

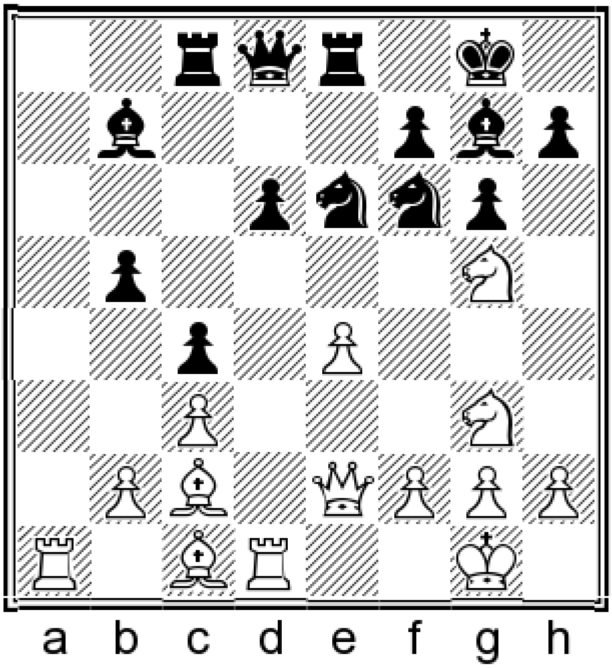
15.de6 ♘e6
[15...fe6 16.e5 (16.♗f4 ♘e8 17.♗e3=) 16...♗f3 17.gf3 ♘d5 18.ed6 ♕d6∓]

16.a4 Just trying to find a little bit of counterplay.
[16.e5 ♘d5 17.ed6 ♖e8∓]

16...♖e8 17.ab5 ab5



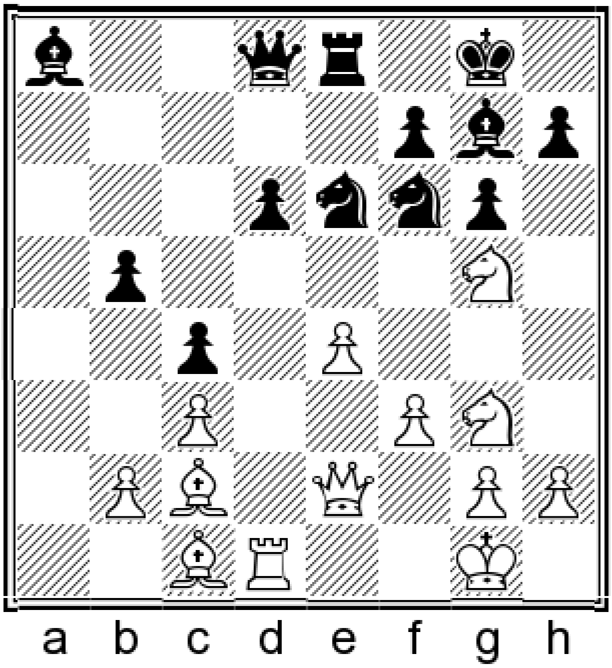
18.♘g5 I felt this was the point where I needed to realise I was worse and figure out a way to hold the position. Despite Black's space advantage White doesn't have any serious weaknesses, so if some trades happen White should be okay.
[I initially planned 18.♘d4 ♘d4 19.cd4, thinking I could go f3 and consolidate but without realising that ...♘e4 or ...♗e4 followed by ...f5 kills me. I seriously considered 18.♖a7 ♘c5 19.♗e3 (19.e5 ♕b6) 19...♘fe4 20.♘e4 ♗e4 21.♗e4 ♘e4 22.♘d4 when I have some compensation for the pawn due to the weakness of d6 and the activity of White's pieces. Upon 18.e5 I figured the tactics worked against me. The advance e4-e5 had been available for many moves so I decided to be practical and avoid calculating it on every turn. 18...♘g4 19.♖d6 ♕c7!→]



18...♖a8?! I didn’t expect this move at all and it certainly throws away some of the advantage. We were both in early time trouble so I understand the logic of making safe moves, but this doesn’t do Black justice after playing such a fine opening.

[Far better is 18...♘c5 19.♗f4 ♘d5 20.♗d2 h6 21.♘f3 ♘f6∓]

19.♖a8?! ♗a8 20.f3



The storm has passed and White can breathe a sigh of relief.

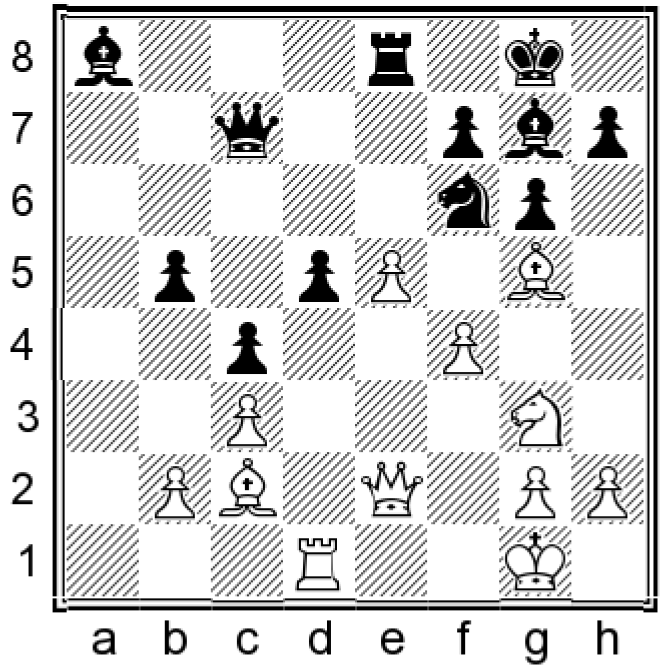
20...d5!? A provocative move as it changes the structure completely and comes with some risk since the bishop on a8 is unhappy now.

[20...♘g5 21.♗g5 d5 22.e5 h6 23.♗c1]

21.e5 ♘g5

[21...♘d7 22.♘e6 ♖e6 23.f4 f6 24.f5 ♖e5 25.♕f2 g5 26.♗e3∞]

22.♗g5 ♕c7 23.f4



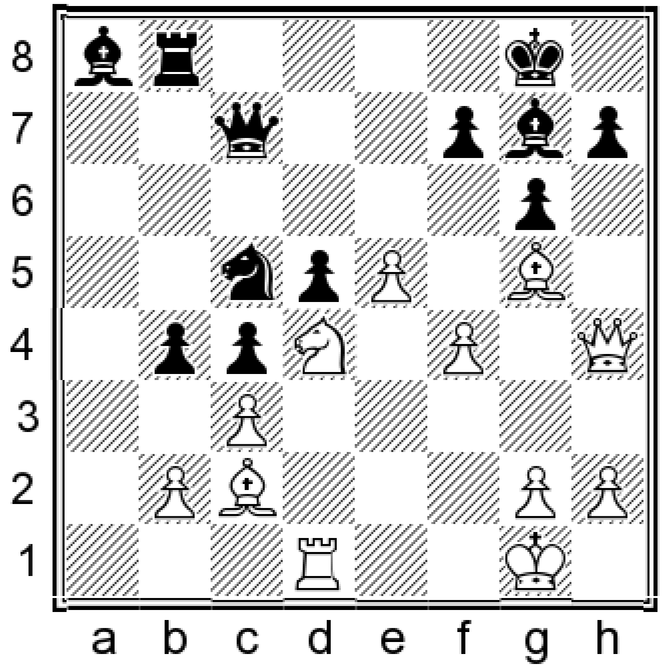
23...♘d7

At this point we had 17 moves to make within less than ten minutes and I knew anything could happen. White has an easy plan of putting pressure on the kingside with h4-h5 or f4-f5.

[23...b4!? This clever move prevents me from quickly establishing my knight on d4. 24.♕f2 ♘g4 25.♕d4 ♗f8–+]

24.♕f2 ♘c5 25.♘e2 ♖b8 26.♘d4 b4 27.♕h4

[27.h4]



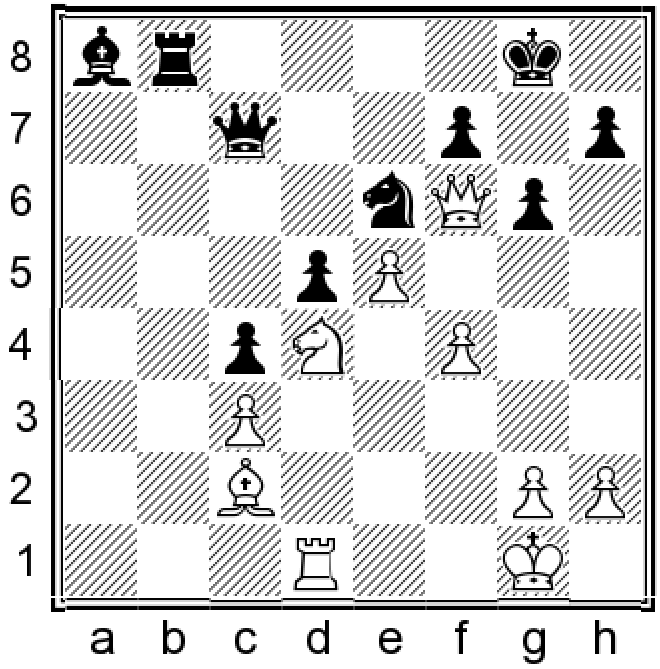
The position is objectively equal but the momentum and practical factors were favouring me. I enjoy the blitz phase and this was the best position I had seen all game.

27...bc3 28.bc3 ♘e6

A solid response that minimizes the risk for Black. It made sense since Ukraine was up 1½:½ in the match at the time. [28...♕a5 29.♗e7 ♘b3 30.♗d6 ♘d4 31.cd4±]

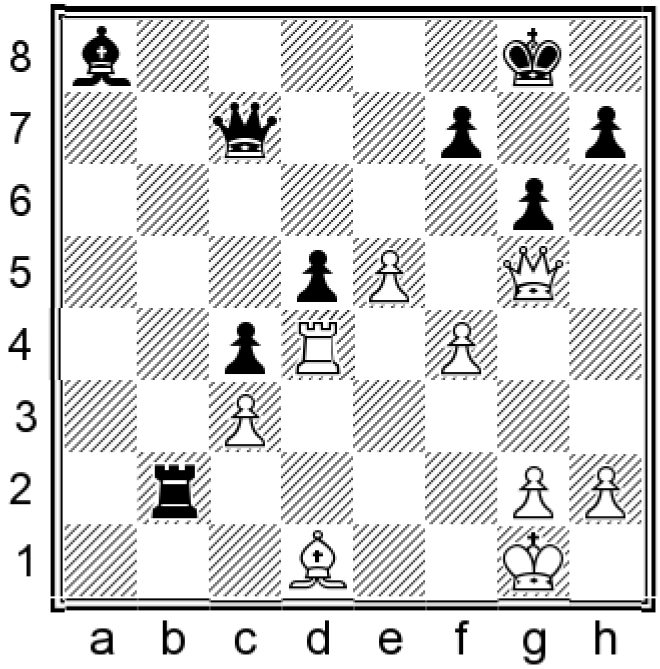
29.♗f6
[29.♗h6 ♘d4 30.cd4 ♕d8=]

29...♗f6 30.♕f6



30...♘d4
[Andrei avoids the inferior endgame after 30...♕d8 31.♕d8 ♖d8 (31...♘d8 32.♔f2 ♘c6 33.♔e3±) 32.♘e6 fe6 33.♖a1± Access to the seventh rank and the weak pawn on e6 make the position favourable for White.]

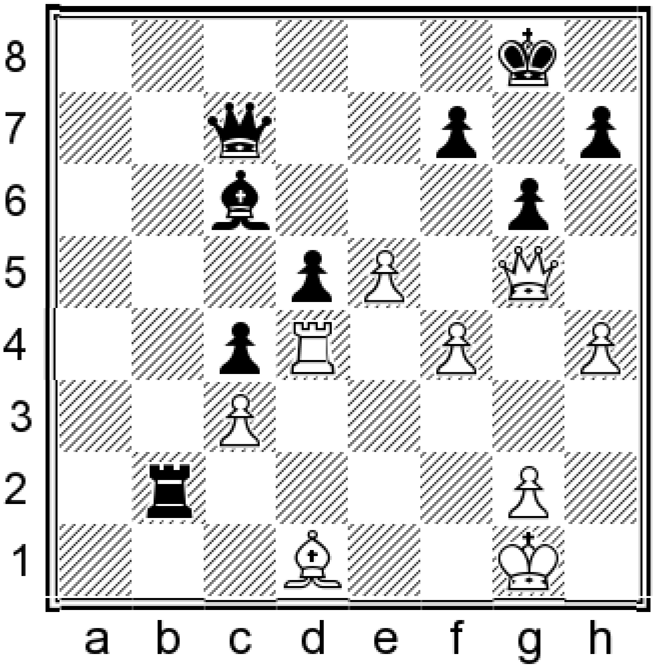
31.♖xd4 ♖b6 32.♕g5 ♖b2 33.♗d1



Andrei Volokitin. Photo by Harald Fietz

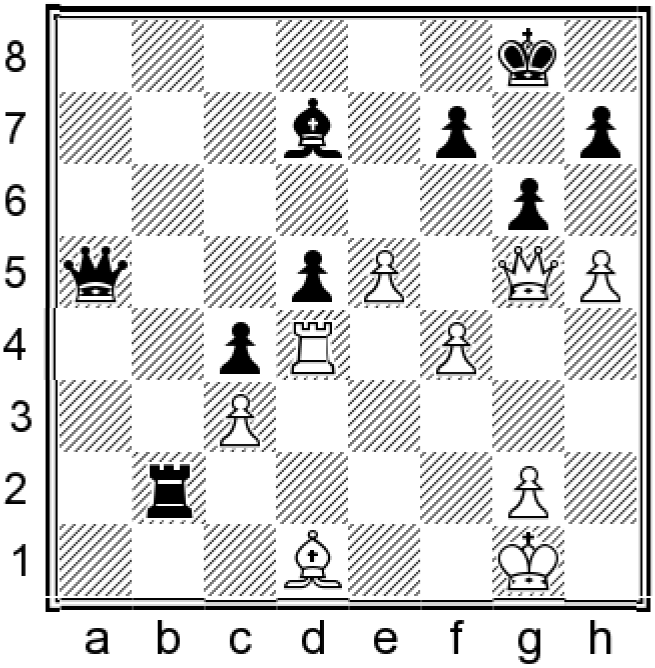
33...♗c6
[After 33...♕a5 with a couple of minutes on my clock there is a decent chance I would have taken a perpetual by 34.f5 ♕c3 35.♕d8 ♔g7 Engines point out 36.f6 (36.♕f6) 36...♔h6 37.♖h4 ♔g5 38.♖g4 ♔f5 39.♕d7 ♔e5 40.♕e7 ♔f5 41.h4 h6 42.♕d7 ♔e5 43.♔h2+– Though it seems White’s king will be safe, the same cannot be said for Black. I was worried about 33...♕b6, with the idea of ♖d2, but White emerges on top by 34.f5 ♖b1 35.♔f1±]

34.h4!±



There are not many things more enjoyable to me than being able to push the h-pawn down the board with the confidence that it is objectively best as well. I started to get very excited here: I have the dark squares, the safer king, and the tactics in the position.

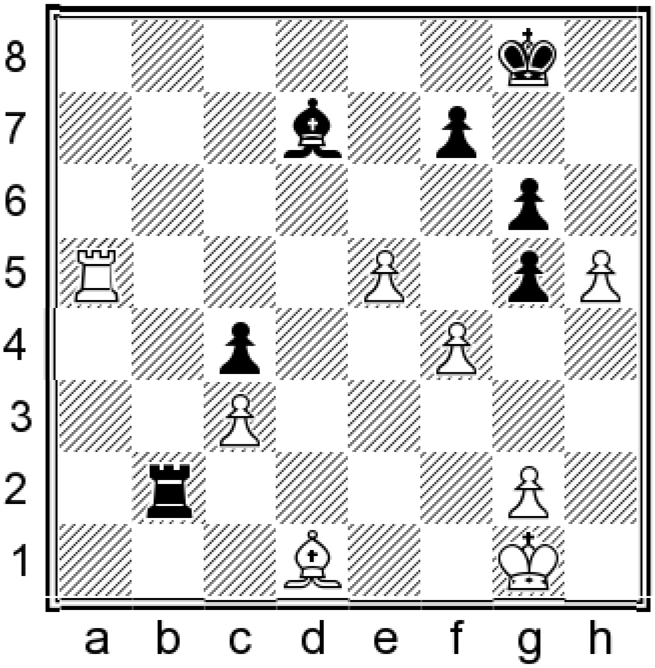
34...♕a5 35.h5 ♗d7 Played with a few seconds on the clock. I was prepared to play h5-h6 against almost anything, but this move felt wrong and caused me to use up my last few minutes to look for the killer blow.
[35...♕c3 36.♕d8 ♔g7 37.h6 ♔h6 38.♕f8]



36.♖d5? A fancy way to win the game on the spot. Unfortunately for me, Andrei responded right away.
[After 36.h6 ♗e6 White has to find the difficult 37.g4+– when Black cannot generate proper counterplay because of his weak back rank. White will proceed to play f4-f5 and win. Also 36.♕e7 wins a piece and the game. 36...♖b8 (36...♕c7 37.e6 fe6 38.h6+–) 37.♕d7 ♕c3 38.♖d5 ♕e3 39.♔h1 ♕f4 40.♕g4+–]

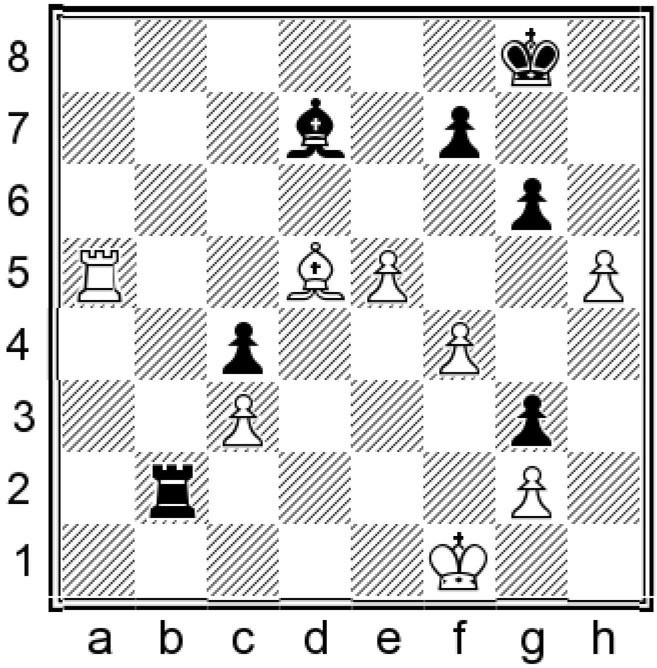
36...h6!= Black is okay in all lines after this.
[36...♕d5 37.♕d8 ♔g7 38.h6 ♔h6 39.♕f8]

37.♖xa5 hg5



38.♗f3? We still had to make move 40 and I was very rattled after messing up the win.
[Easily holding is 38.♖d5 ♗c6 (38...♗e6 39.♖d8 ♔g7 40.fg5 gh5 41.♗h5 ♖c2 42.♖d6 ♖c3 43.♔f2=) 39.♖d6±; The same goes for 38.♖a1 gf4 39.hg6 fg6 40.♗f3=]

38...g4 39.♗d5 g3 40.♔f1



40...♗g4 We reached the second time control and I found myself staring at a very unpleasant endgame. I was unable to gather my senses and put up any means of resistance.
[I completely missed 40...♗g4. I had only seen 40...gh5 41.♖a8 ♔g7 42.♖a7 ♗g4 43.♖f7 ♔g6 44.♖f6= with a perpetual check.]

41.♗f3 ♖f2 42.♔g1 ♖c2 43.♖a8 ♔g7 44.♖a1 gh5 45.♗g4 hg4 46.f5 ♖e2 47.e6 fe6 48.fe6 ♔f6 49.♔f1 ♖f2 50.♔g1 ♔e6 51.♖e1 ♔f5 52.♖f1 ♔e4
0 : 1 Hansen

A heartbreaking loss that cost Canada the match with a 2½:1½ defeat. Even after spoiling the win there is no excuse not to hold the position, but my emotions got the better of me. At the same time it felt like karma since the previous day I had beaten Andrei Zhigalko from a dead lost position. Anyway, this game had huge implications on the final standings of the tournament and on our individual board, because Ukraine ended up with the silver medal and Volokitin won individual gold on our board.

Adams

MY LONGEST EVER GAME

Baku made a fine job of hosting the Olympiad, also I felt that the World Cup they held the previous year was the best of the ones in which I have participated. This boded well, and indeed the Olympiad maintained the same

> excellent standard. Clearly the large financial commitment to the event was helpful, but there was also considerable attention to detail: when our flight arrived at the airport approaching 2 a.m. the main organiser Mahir Mammedov was still there making sure everything was running smoothly. The fact that our hotel was 8 kilometers from the playing hall sounded a bit worrying, but the bus transfers were so frequent that this was not a problem at all.

After England had defeated the IBCA in the first round, I made my debut in the next match against Indonesia, but Utut Adianto decided to skip this one so I played the young Muhammad Ali Lufti. Not much information was available, even after I had tracked down the many variations of his name in Chessbase. If only he had a famous sporting namesake that could have helped them to enter his name in a consistent manner! In any case preparation was not that key, although we made our first 17 theoretical moves briskly there were plenty of original ones to come, in fact I think this was my longest ever game.

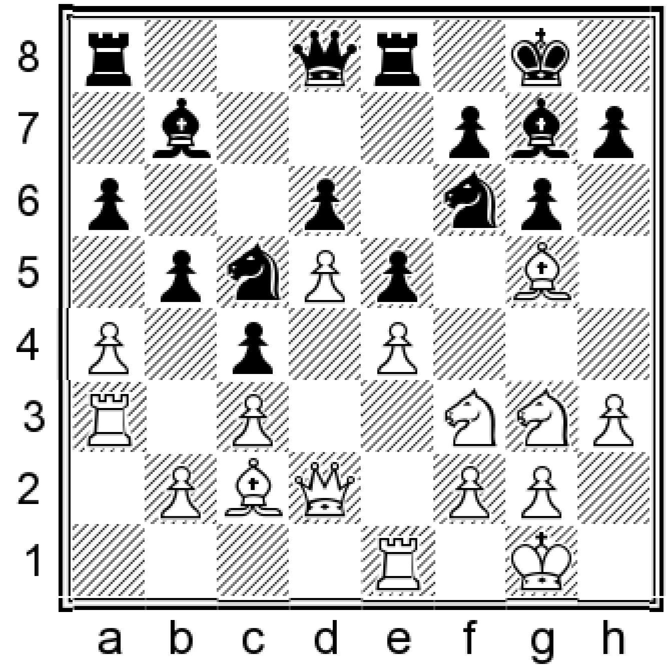
C95
Luft Ali 2411 – Adams 2738
Round 2, Baku Olympiad 2016

Michael Adams

- **Country:** England
- **Born:** 1971
- **Rating:** 2748
- **Peak rating:** 2761
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 1989

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.0-0 ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 ♘b8 10.d4 ♘bd7 11.♘bd2 ♗b7 12.♗c2 ♖e8 13.♘f1 ♗f8 14.♘g3 g6 15.a4 c5 16.d5 c4 17.♗g5 ♗g7
[17...h6 used to be an automatic move here, but recent developments have suggested that both 17...♗e7 and the game move are no worse.]

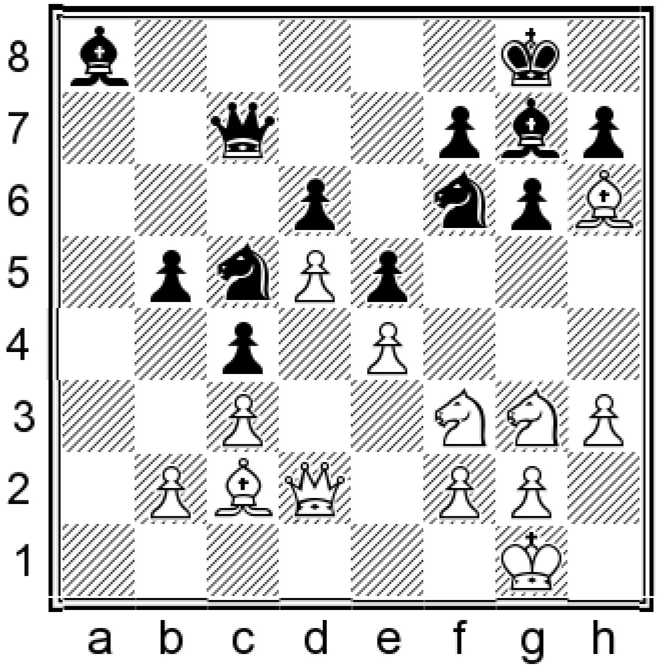
18.♕d2 ♘c5 19.♖a3



White can also play on the kingside immediately, but doubling on the a-file is a standard idea.

19...♕c7 20.♖ea1 ♖eb8 21.ab5N
This came as a surprise, swapping all the rooks looks to be a concession, but it’s not that simple.
[RR 21.♖1a2 Kavitha 2064 – Breen, Goa 2002]

21...ab5 22.♖a8 ♖a8 23.♖a8 ♗a8 24.♗h6

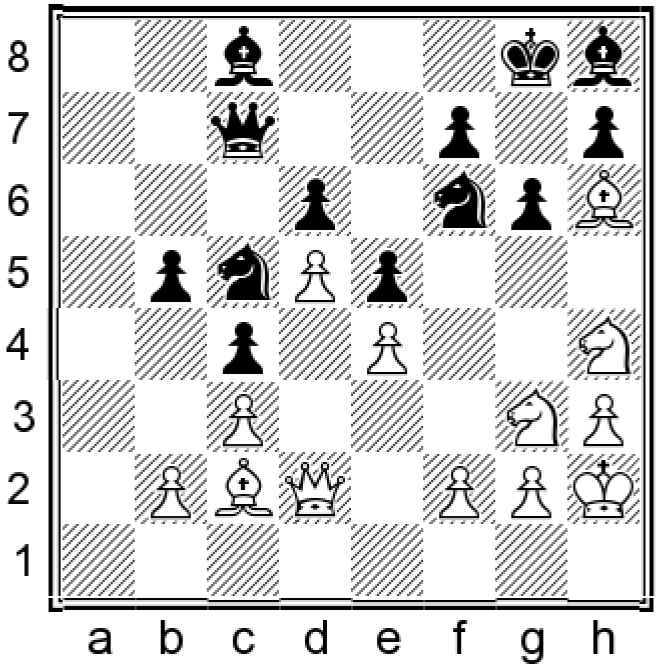


White’s point, introducing ♘f5 ideas, as it will take some time for my light squared bishop to amble back into the action.

24...♗h8
[After thinking for a while, and not really fancying 24...♗b7 25.♗g7 ♔g7 26.♘f5 or 24...♗h6 25.♕h6 ♘cd7 26.♘h4, I decided to hold on to my bishop for now.]

25.♔h2
[Initially 25.♕g5 looked highly alarming as after 25...♗b7 26.♘f5 ♗c8 27.♘3h4 there seemed to be very few moves that don’t lose on the spot. However 25...♘e8! 26.♘f5 ♗f6 repels White’s queen satisfactorily.]

25...♗b7 26.♘h4 ♗c8



27.♕e3 A bit hesitant.

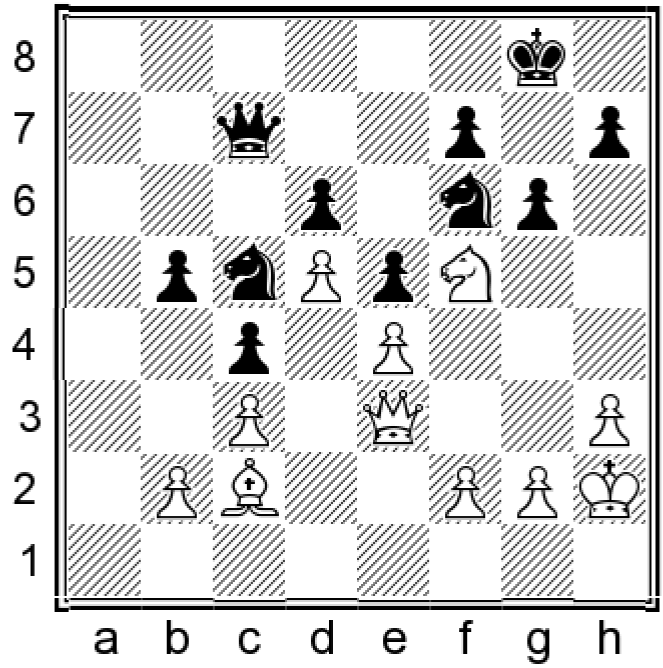
[27.f4 seems the logical continuation. My machine then suggests 27...♕e7 28.♘f3 ♘fd7 (I was thinking about 28...ef4 29.♕f4 ♘e8) 29.f5 ♗g7 is alright.]

27...♗g7! A good moment to offer this exchange now that my other pieces have been well located.

28.♗g7 ♔g7 29.♘hf5
[29.f4 here was also worth considering.]

29...♗f5 30.♘f5
[30.ef5?! is too optimistic: 30...♘d5 31.♕g5 ♘d3 32.f6 ♘f6 33.♘f5 ♔f8 34.♕f6 gf5]

30...♔g8

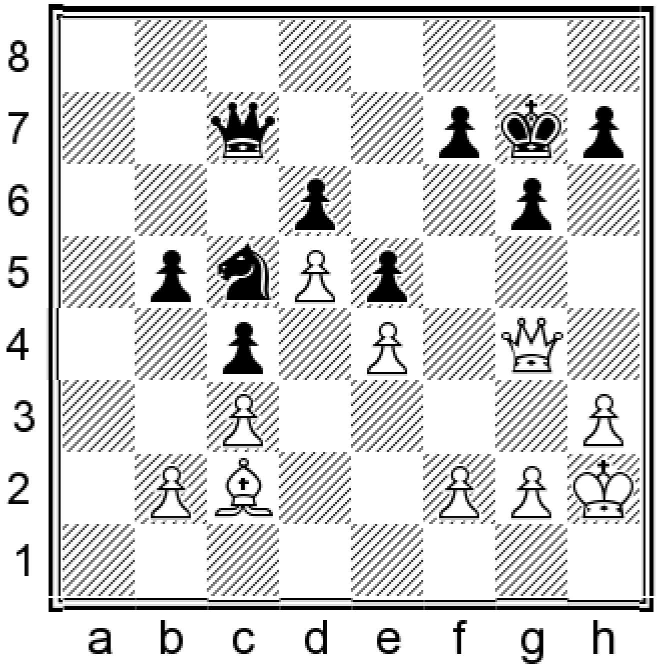


31.♘h6? A serious slip.
[31.♕h6! is much more troublesome: 31...♘e8 (31...gf5 32.♕g5 ♔f8 33.♕f6 fe4 34.♕h6 looks likely to lead to a draw.) 32.♕g5 f6 33.♘h6 gives much more counterplay than in the game.]

31...♔f8 32.♕f3 ♔g7!
The initiative has melted away and White is in trouble.

33.♘g4
[33.♕e3 loses a pawn: 33...♘ce4! 34.♗e4 ♘e4 35.♘g4 f5]

33...♘g4 34.♕g4
[After 34.hg4 there is a pleasant choice between 34...♕d8 35.♕d1 ♕g5 36.g3 ♘d7, followed by ♘f6, or simply 34...h6.]



I was feeling rather happy by this point, as it appears that White has not exactly arranged for the ideal minor pieces to remain on the board, to say the least.

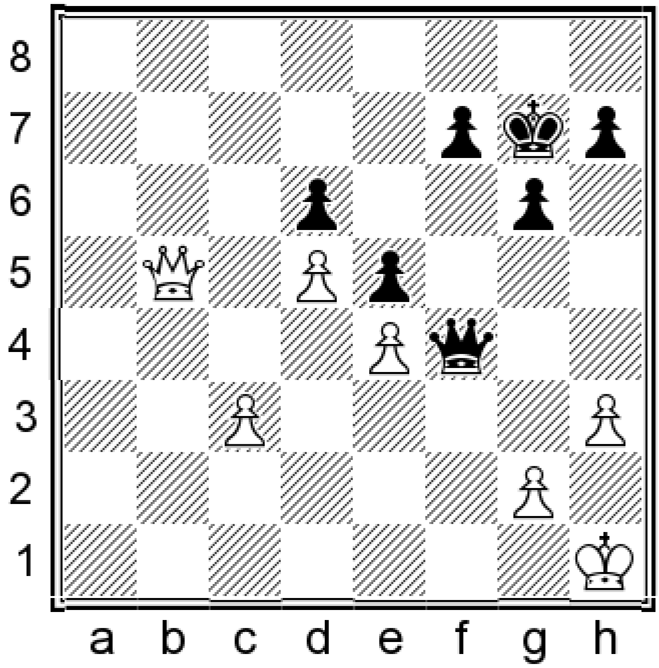
34...♕b6
[34...♕a7 was also good: 35.♕d1 (35.♕h4 ♘d3; 35.f4 ♘d7!) 35...♕a2 36.♕c1 transposes to the game.]

35.♕e2
[35.f4 ef4 36.♕f4 ♘d7 allows my knight another fine post. Perhaps 35.♕d1 b4 36.cb4 ♕b4 37.♕e2 could have been tried.]

35...♕a5 36.♕e1 ♕a2 37.♕c1 ♘d3
I was a bit sad to part with my knight, but this is the strongest move.

38.♗d3 cd3 39.♕d1 ♕b2
[I couldn't decide between this and keeping the advanced pawn by 39...♕c4!? 40.f3 f5 (40...b4 41.♕d2 h6 42.h4 f5 43.♕e3! bc3 44.♕a7 ♔f6 45.♕d7 leads to a perpetual.) 41.♕e1 f4! I didn't see this important move which grabs so much space that Black should win in the long term, following either 42.♕d2 b4 or 42.♕h4 ♕c7]

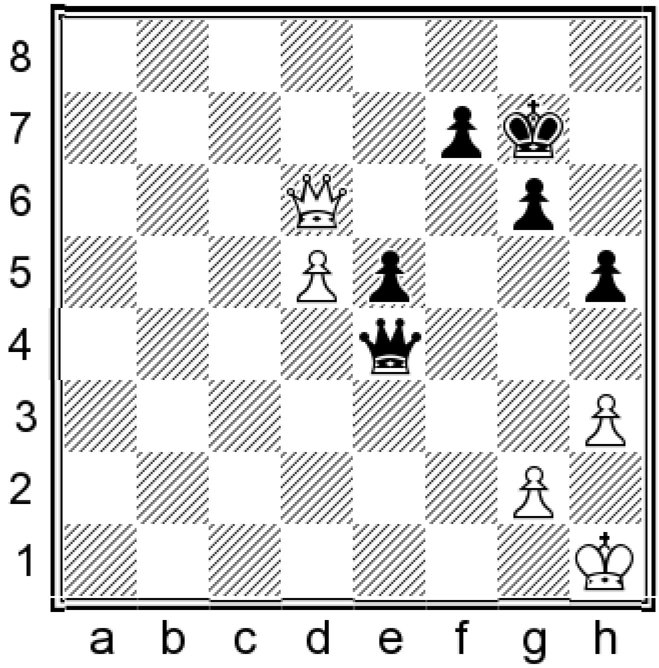
40.♕d3 ♕f2 41.♕b5 ♕f4 42.♔h1 ♕c1 43.♔h2 ♕f4 44.♔h1



44...♕c1

[I failed to notice that after 44...♕e4! 45.♕c6 ♕b1! 46.♔h2 ♕b8 defends my d-pawn. Then 47.♕d7 (47.c4 ♕b4 48.♕d7 e4 49.♕e7 ♕c4 50.♕d6 ♕d4 is a key tempo extra.) 47...♔f6 48.c4 ♕b6]

45.♔h2 ♕c3 46.♕d7 ♕b4 47.♕d8 h5 48.♔h1 ♕e4 49.♕d6



49...♕d4

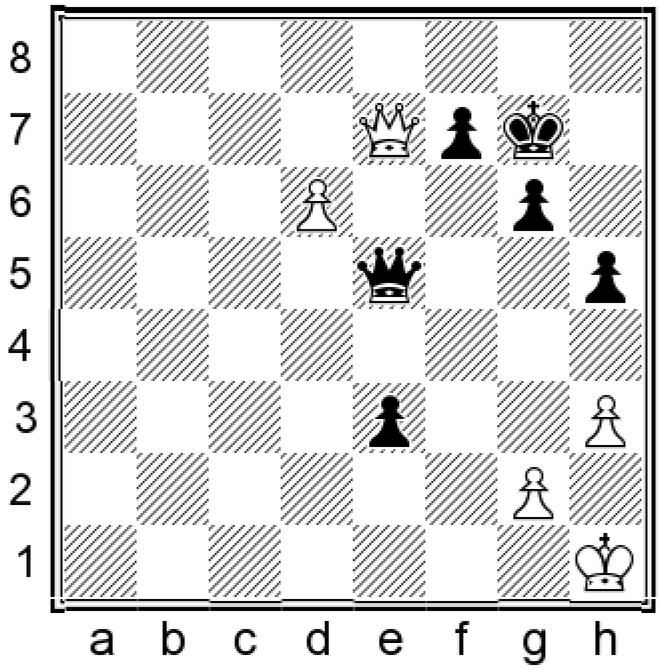
[I missed my opponent's reply. 49...h4!? 50.♔h2! keeps him hanging on (not 50.♕d8? ♕e1 51.♔h2 e4 52.d6 e3 53.d7 ♕g3 54.♔h1 e2–+) after 50...♕e1 51.♕e7. 49...g5! was best, as I will create mating threats before the pawn can touch down. 50.♕e7 (50.♕d8 ♕f5 51.d6 g4) 50...♕f5 51.d6 g4 52.hg4 hg4 53.♕h4 and now both 53...f6 54.♕g3 ♕b1 55.♔h2 ♕d1 56.♕a3 ♕d4 and 53...♕g6 54.♔h2 ♕d6 55.♕g4 ♕g6 are better than the game.]

50.♕d8!

[I was only anticipating 50.♕c6 e4 51.d6 ♕a1 52.♔h2 ♕e5 53.♔g1 e3 but of course my opponent's move promotes a quicker advance of his pawn.]

50...e4 51.d6 ♕a1
[51...e3 52.♕e7 leads to a 3v2 scenario as well.]

52.♔h2 ♕e5 53.♔h1 e3 54.♕e7



54...♕e6
[I thought this a better try than 54...♕f6 55.♕e3 ♕d6 but, although this creates a passed pawn, the checks will be persistent.]

55.♕e6 fe6 56.d7 e2 57.d8♕ e1♕ 58.♔h2 ♕e5 59.g3 ♕c5 60.h4 ♔f7 61.♕d7 ♕e7 62.♕c6 e5 My pawn makes a step forward, but its further advance will henceforth be less brisk.

63.♕c4 ♕e6 64.♕c7 ♔f6 65.♕d8 ♕e7 66.♕h8
[66.♕b6 looks more logical.]

66...♔e6 67.♕c8 ♕d7 68.♕g8
[68.♕c2! Driving my king up the board is not a good idea.]

68...♔f5 69.♕f8?!
[69.♕c4!]

69...♔g4 70.♕f2

70...♕c6
[I was also considering 70...♕d5 but thought about 71.♕c2 (71.♕e2 ♕f3 72.♕c4 e4 73.♕c8 ♕f5 74.♕c2) 71...e4 72.♕f2 ♕f5 73.♕c2, although 73.♕f1! is a much nicer resource. My instincts were right that this was a key moment: 70...♕d3! 71.♕g2 and now the very hard to see 71...♕c4! 72.♕h3 (72.♕f2 ♕e4! 73.♕a2 ♔f3) 72...♔f3 73.g4 ♔e2 was the best try.]

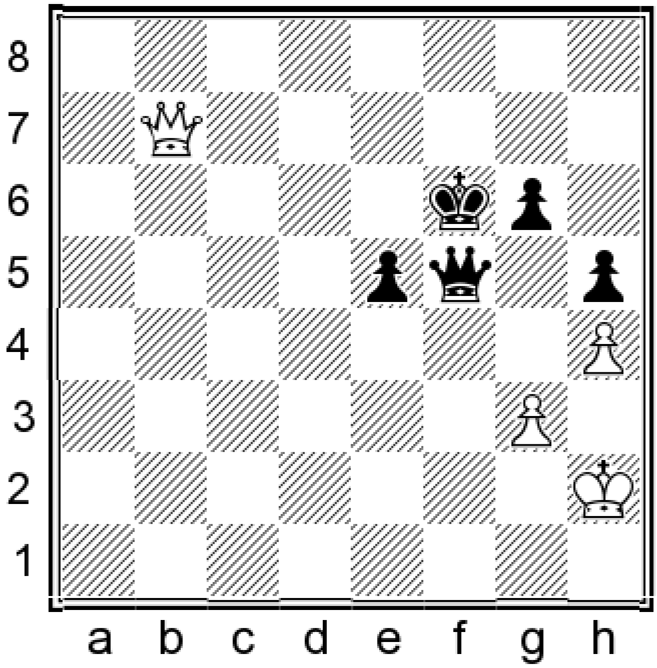
71.♕d2 ♔f5
[I realised in time that my “winning” 71...♕e4 was an instant perpetual: 72.♕d1 ♕f3 73.♕d7 ♕f5 74.♕d1]

72.♕f2 ♔e6 73.♕a2 ♕d5

A long and rather random sequence of moves ensues. By now we were both playing on little more than increment, and feeling fatigue.

74.♕a6 ♕d6 75.♕c4 ♔f6 76.♕e4 ♕d2 77.♔h3 ♕d4 78.♕c6 ♔f7 79.♕b7 ♔e6 80.♕c6 ♕d6 81.♕e4 ♔f7 82.♔h2
[Bringing the king nearer to my passer makes sense: 82.♔g2]

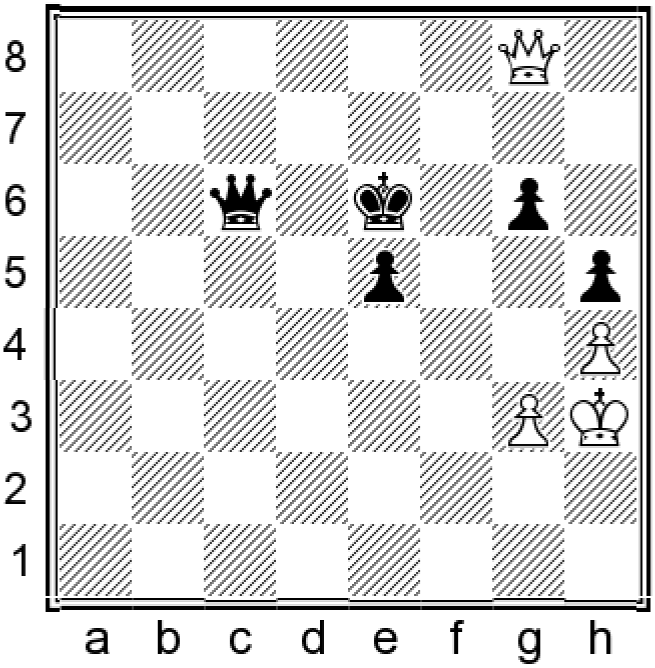
82...♕d2 83.♔h3 ♕d7 84.♔h2 ♕f5 85.♕b7 ♔f6



86.♕c6
[86.♕b6 makes it more difficult to evade the checks.]

86...♕e6 87.♕f3 ♔g7 88.♕e4 ♕f5 89.♕b7 ♕f7 90.♕b2 ♕d5 91.♕c3 ♔f6 92.♕b2 ♔f5 93.♕c1 ♔f6 94.♕g5 ♔f7 95.♕e3 ♔e6 96.♕c1 ♔d7 97.♕h6 ♕a2 98.♔h3 ♕e6 99.♔g2 ♕c6 100.♔h2 ♕c2 101.♔h3 ♔e6
[I might has well have attempted to progress with 101...♕f5 102.♔h2 e4.]

102.♕h8 ♕c6 103.♕g8



After making this move and pressing his clock, whilst I was pondering my reply, my opponent claimed a draw under the "40 move rule". His team captain and the arbiter intervened to say he couldn't claim whilst it was my turn. I didn't receive any extra time for this, although I would have thought I should have done.

103...♔f5 My opponent tried to claim a draw again, but he was still 10 moves short, I did get a couple of extra minutes added to my clock this time. I also realised I needed to get away from the checks and push my pawn fast.

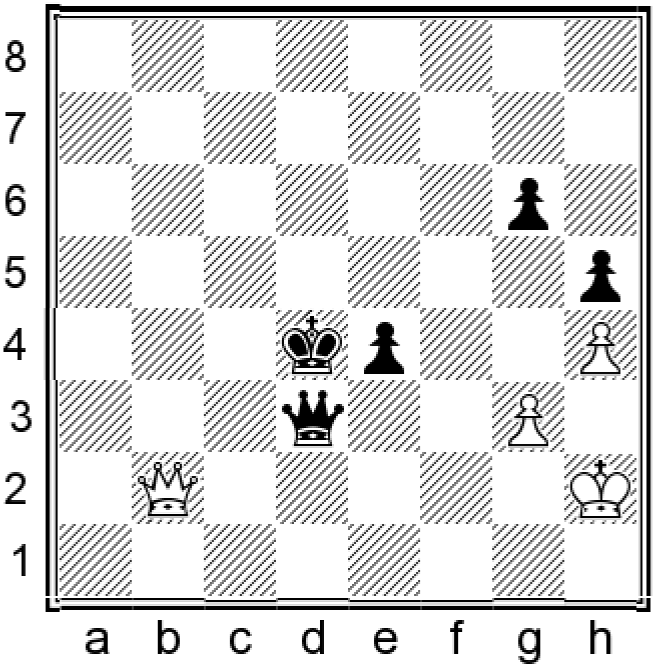
104.♕f8 ♔e4 105.♕b4 ♔d5 106.♕b3 ♔d6 107.♕a3 ♔d7 108.♕a7 ♔c8 109.♕a1 e4 Made it with three moves to spare, although this was a mixed blessing as the game meanders on.

110.♕h8 ♔c7 111.♕e5 ♔b6 112.♕b2 ♔c5 113.♔h2
[113.♕c3!]

113...♕d5 114.♕c3 ♔b5 115.♕b2 ♔c6 116.♕c3 ♕c5 117.♕f6 ♕d6 118.♕c3 ♔d5 119.♕b3 ♔e5 120.♕c3 ♔f5 121.♕c8 ♔f6 122.♕h8 ♔e6 123.♕e8 ♔d5 124.♕a8 ♕c6 125.♕a2 ♕c4 126.♕a5
[126.♕d2 ♕d3 127.♕g5 ♔c4 128.♕g6 was better.]

126...♔d4 127.♕d2
[127.♕b6!? ♔c3 128.♕g6 ♕e2 129.♔h3? (129.♔g1! still holds) 129...♕g4 130.♕g4 hg4 131.♔g4 e3]

127...♕d3 128.♕b2?
[128.♕b4!]



128...♔e3?

[I missed a chance: 128...♔c4! when it’s not possible to take on g6. Then 129.♕a2 ♔c3 130.♕a5 ♔c2 131.♕a2 ♔d1]

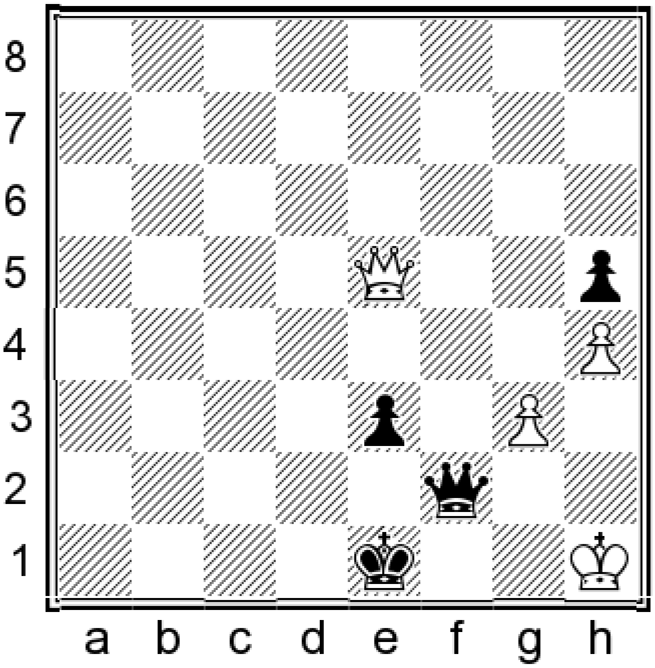
129.♕b6 ♔d2 130.♕g6 e3

Although it looks like Black is almost there, the computer sees this as a cast iron draw.

131.♕g5?

[131.♕f6! e2 132.♕b2 ♔e3 133.♕e5 ♔f2 134.♕f6 ♕f3 135.♕d4 ♕e3 (135...♔f1?? 136.♕g1) 136.♕f6=]

131...♔e1 132.♕e5 ♕e2 133.♔g1 ♕f2 134.♔h1



134...♕f3?

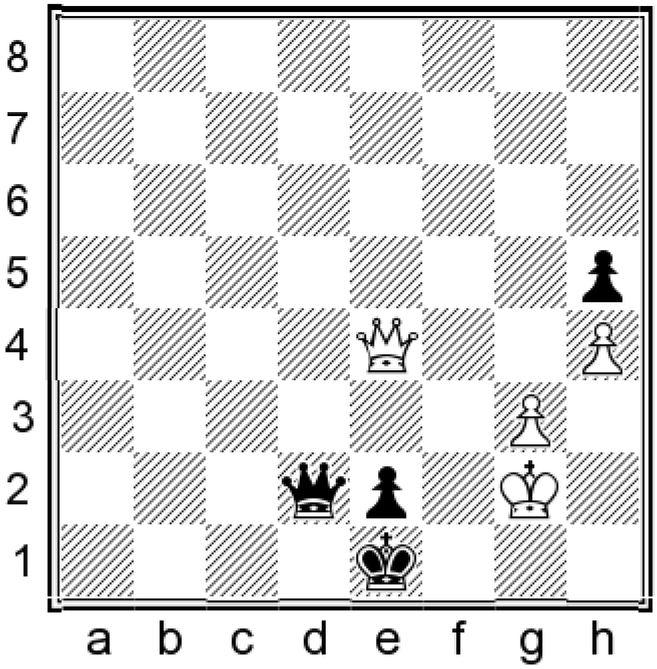
[The win requires lateral thinking, as underpromotion wasn’t on my mind: 134...♔f1!

A) 135.♕a1 ♕e1 136.♕b2 e2 137.♕f6 ♕f2 138.♕a1 e1♘!–+ but not 138...e1♕? 139.♕a6=;

B) 135.♕b5 e2 136.♕b1 I got this far and assumed a perpetual after 136...e1♕? 137.♕d3 ♕ee2 138.♕b1=, failing to consider the rather beautiful 136...e1♘! which wins easily after 137.♕b5 ♕e2 138.♕f5 ♕f3 139.♕f3 ♘f3 140.g4 hg4 141.h5 g3 142.h6 g2]

135.♔h2 ♔f2 136.♕b2 ♕e2 137.♕b7 ♕d2
[137...♔f1 138.♔h1 ♕d3 139.♕f3 ♔e1 140.♔g1 ♔d2 141.♕f4=]

138.♕e4 ♔e1 139.♔h3 ♕d7 140.♔g2 ♕d2 141.♔h3 e2 142.♔g2
[142.♕b1 ♔f2 143.♕f5 ♔g1 144.♕c5 ♔f1 145.♕f5=]



142...♕b2
[142...♕d6 143.♕b1 ♔d2 144.♕b2 ♔e3 145.♕c3 ♕d3 146.♕c1=]

143.♕d5! An excellent move as now my king is totally boxed in.

143...♕c3
[143...♕d2 144.♕h5]

144.♕d6
[144.♕h5? ♔d2 145.♕g5 ♔c2 146.♕f5 ♔c1 147.♕f4 ♔b2! 148.♕f2 ♕d2!–+]

144...♕b3 145.♕d4 ♕b7 146.♔g1 ♕b3 147.♔g2 ♕a3 148.♕d5 ♕c3 149.♕d6 ♕d2 150.♕e5 ♔d1 151.♕a1 ♕c1 152.♕d4 ♕d2 153.♕a1 ♔c2 154.♕a2 ♔d1 155.♕a1 ♕c1 156.♕d4 ♔e1 157.♕d5
[157.♕g1 ♔d2 158.♕d4= would have been quicker.]

157...♕a3 158.♕d4 ♕a5 159.♔g1 ♕f5 160.♕a1 ♔d2 161.♕b2 ♔e3 162.♕c3 ♕d3 163.♕e5 ♔d2 164.♕b2 ♔d1 165.♕a1 ♔c2
[165...♔d2 was safer.]

166.♔f2! Now was a good time to make a draw which I managed with

166...♕d2
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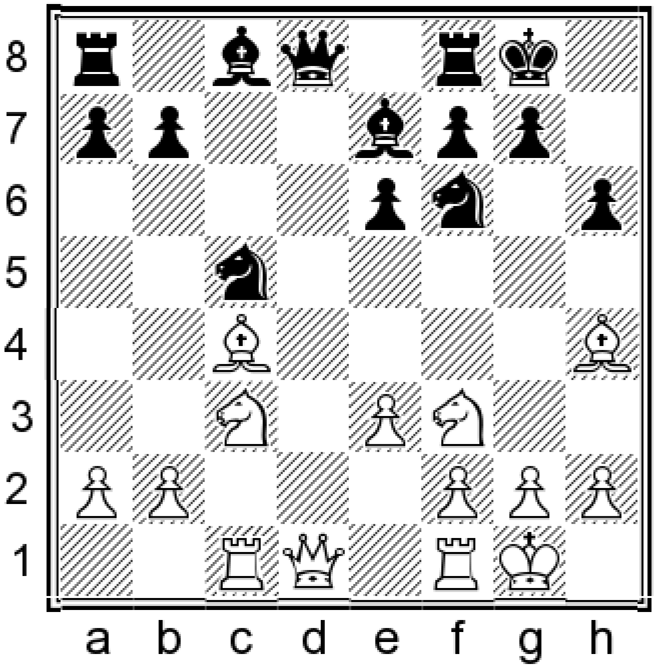
The good news about queen and pawn endgames is that they don’t show up very often, and after this mammoth encounter I was hoping to give them the slip for a while. However my round 5 game against Le Quang Liem turned up another one, despite taking the precaution of swapping queens by move 20. The level of play was less impressive this time with a bizarre double oversight.

D63
Le Quang Liem 2723 – Adams 2738
Round 5, Baku Olympiad 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♗e7 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗h4 0-0 7.e3 ♘bd7 8.♖c1 c5 9.dc5 dc4 10.♗c4 ♘c5 11.0-0



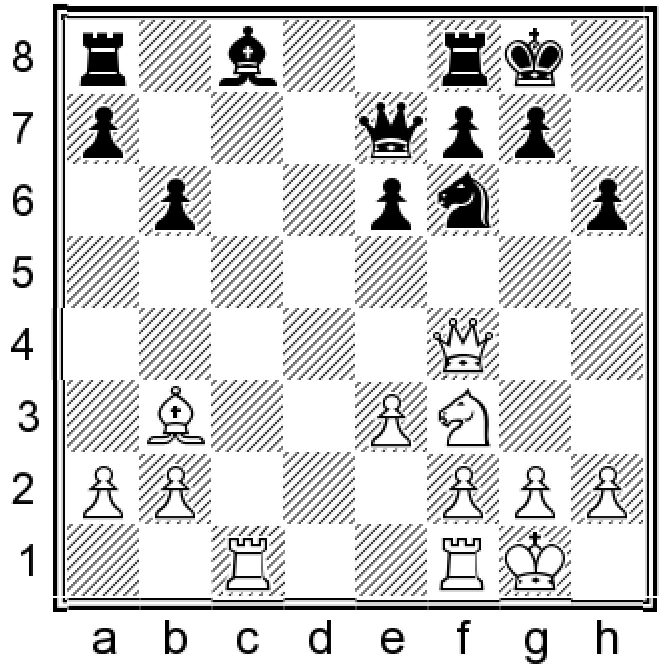
11...♘fe4?!
[I couldn’t remember the theory which starts with 11...a6.]

12.♘e4 ♘e4 13.♗e7
[After 13.♕c2 I was intending 13...♘d2! which solves most of Black’s problems.]

13...♕e7 14.♕d4N
[RR 14.♘e5 Piazzini –Maderna, Argentina (ch-m/3) 1940]

14...♘f6 15.♗b3 b6
[15...♖d8 16.♕e5 is less pleasant.]

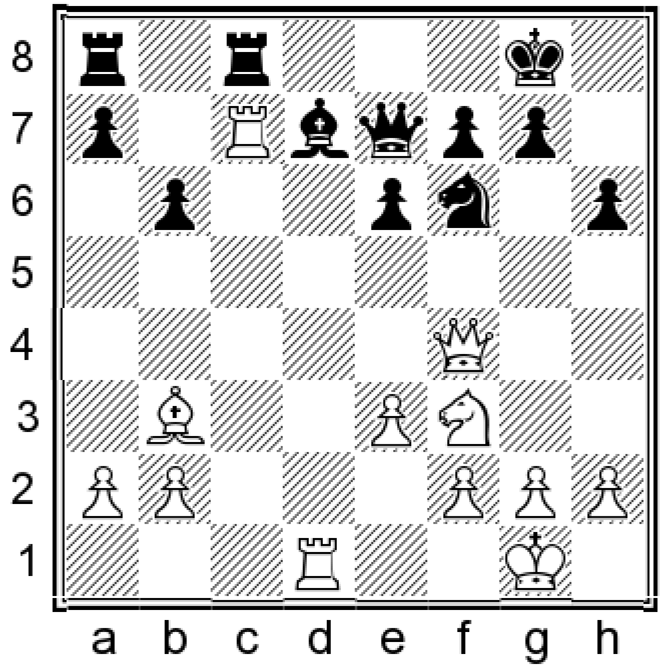
16.♕f4



16...♗d7

[I also considered 16...♖d8 as 17.♖c7 ♖d7 18.♖fc1 ♝b7 19.♗a4 ♖c7 20.♖c7 ♖c8 saves the day, although 19.♖d7 ♕d7 20.♖c7 ♕d3 21.h3 is rather more pleasant for White.]

17.♖c7 ♖fc8 18.♖d1

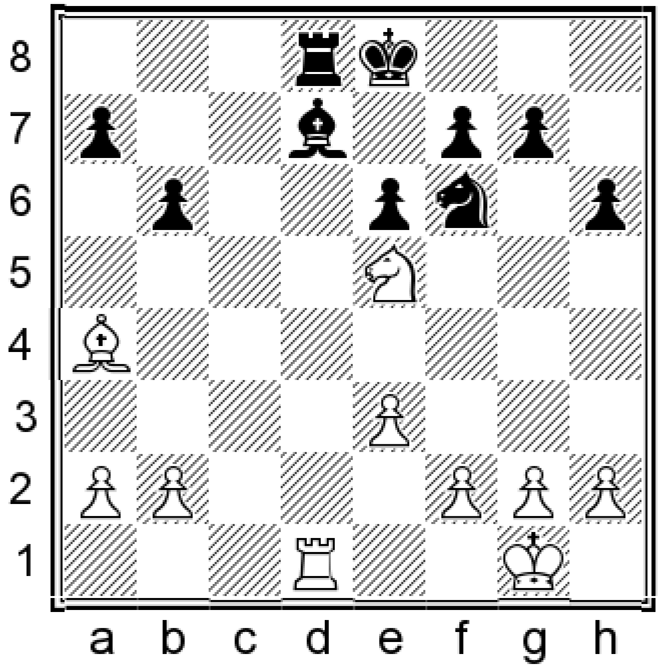


18...♖c7

[18...♕e8! 19.h3 ♗c6 was simpler.]

19.♕c7 ♕d8 20.♕d8 ♖d8 21.♘e5 ♔f8 My king arrives in time to neutralise the pin.

22.♗a4 ♔e8



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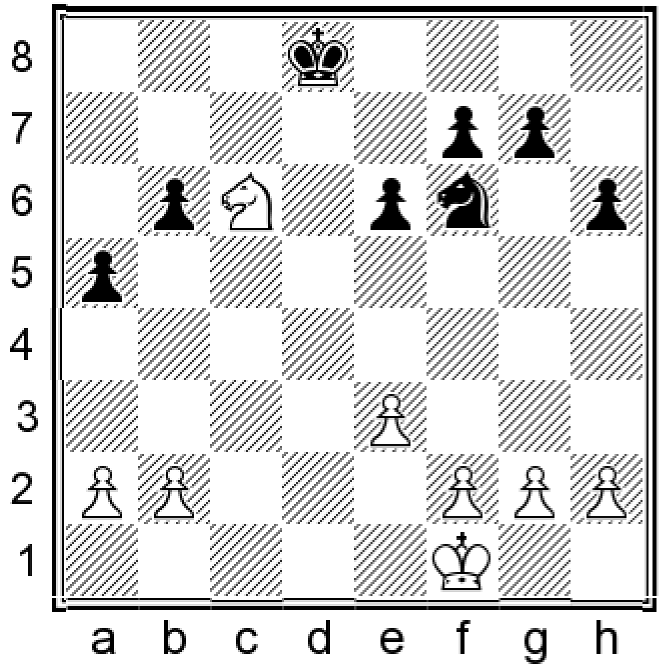
23.♗c6!

[23.♘d7 ♘d7 24.b4 a6 (24...♔e7 25.♖c1) 25.♖d6 b5 26.♗b3 ♖a8 27.f4 a5 is not too exciting. The game move keeps an annoying pull.]

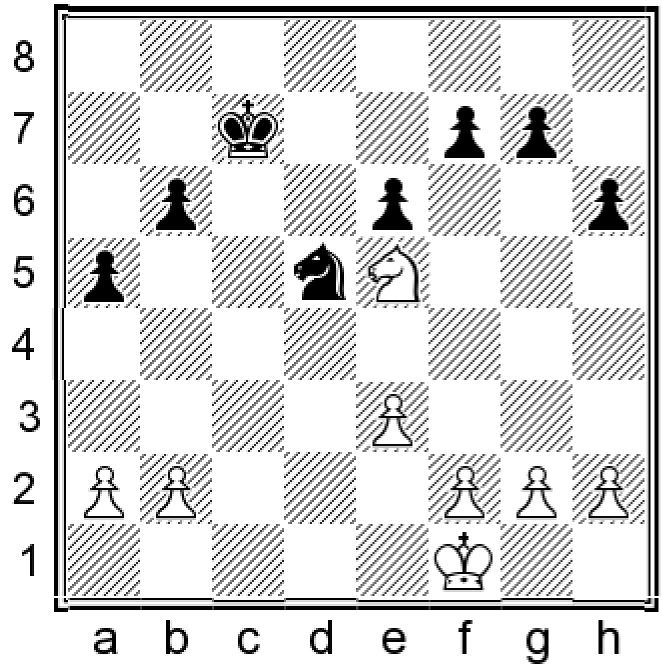
23...a5 24.♔f1 ♗c6 25.♖d8 ♔d8 26.♘c6



26...♔c7!?

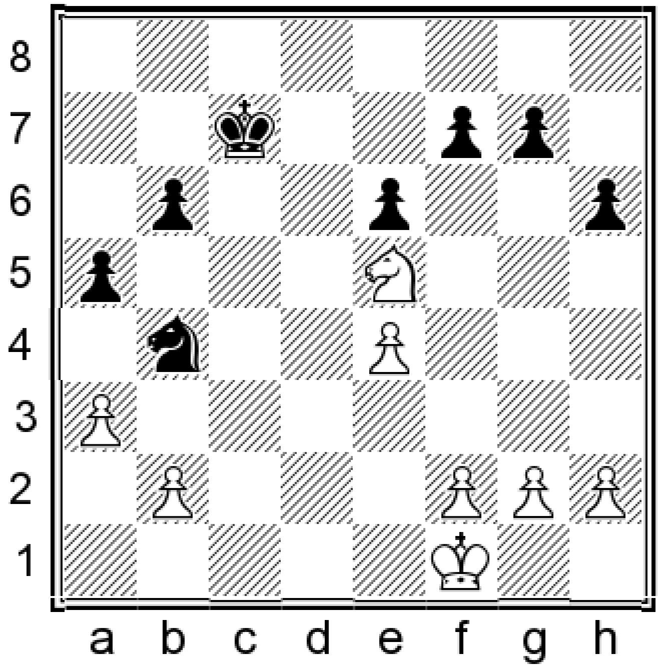
[26...♔e8 27.♔e2 and 26...♔d7 27.♘e5 ♔e7 28.♘c4 ♘d7 29.♔e2 ♔d8 felt a little uncomfortable.]

27.♘e5 ♘d5



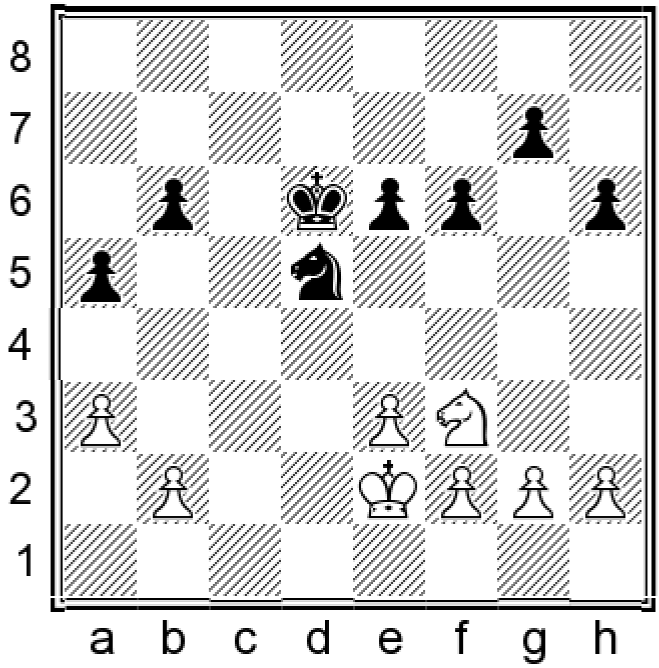
28.♔e2

[I was expecting the critical 28.e4! when precision is needed: 28...♘b4 29.a3



29...f6! (29...♘a6 30.♘f7 ♘c5 31.♔e2 ♘e4 32.♔e3 allows White to press; 29...♘c6 30.♘f7 ♔d7 31.e5! ♔e7 32.♘d6 ♘e5 33.♘c8 is not desirable) 30.ab4 fe5 31.ba5 ba5 32.♔e2 ♔c6 33.♔d3 ♔b5 and the endgame is a draw after 34.h4 (34.♔c3 g5) 34...♔b4 35.♔d2 ♔b3 36.♔c1 ♔c4]

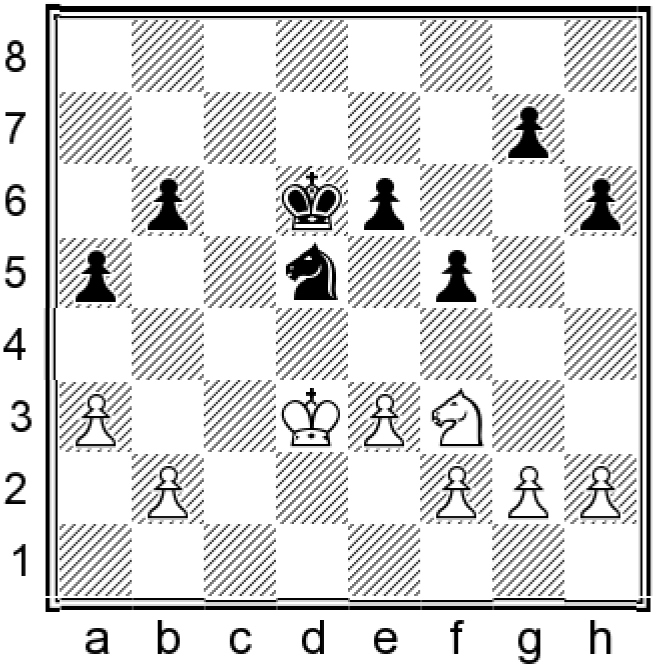
28...f6 29.♘f3 ♔d6 30.a3



30...f5

[Having reached move 30, I played this quickly and offered a draw, but 30...e5! 31.♔d3 b5 was a better choice, which might have persuaded my opponent to accept.]

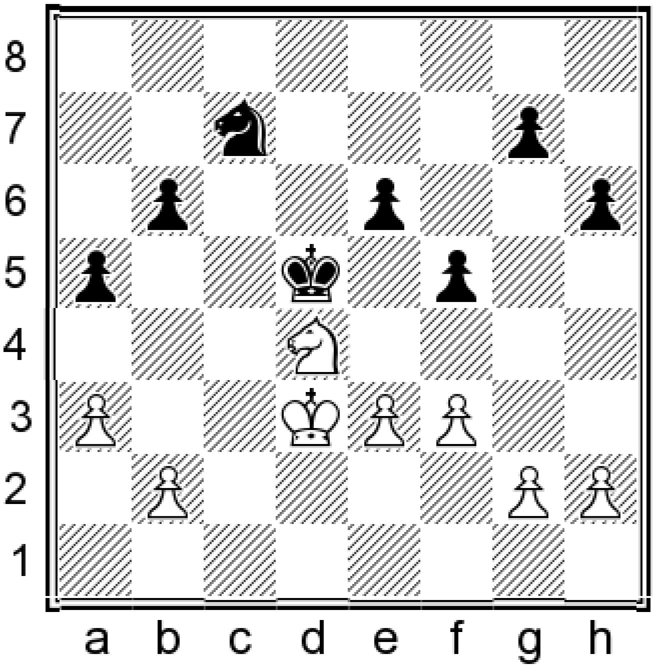
31.♔d3



31...♘c7

[I was intending 31...♘f6! but got scared about leaving the queenside pawns to their fate, but should have had the courage of my convictions: 32.♔c4 ♘e4 33.♔b5 ♘f2 34.♔b6 a4 and Black is doing fine, e.g. 35.♔a5 ♘d1 36.♔a4 ♘b2 37.♔b5 ♘d1 38.a4 ♘e3 39.a5 ♘d5 40.a6 ♘c7 41.♔b6 ♘a6 42.♔a6 ♔d5]

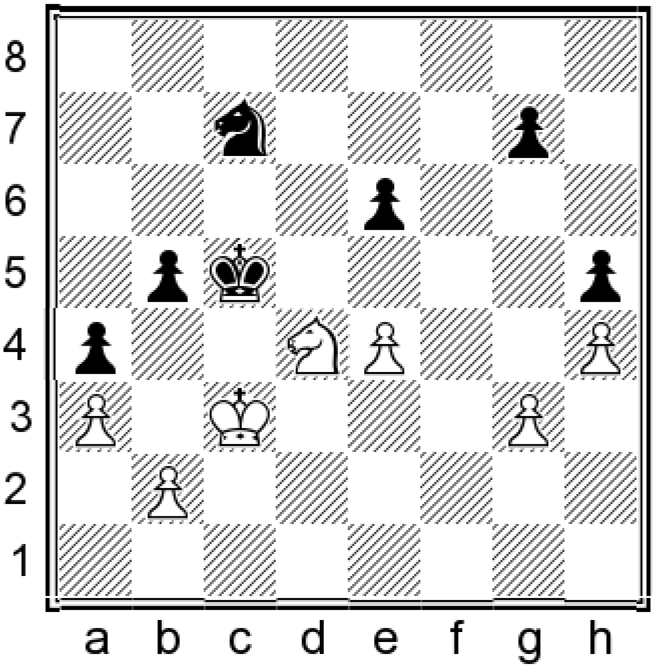
32.♘d4 ♔d5 33.f3



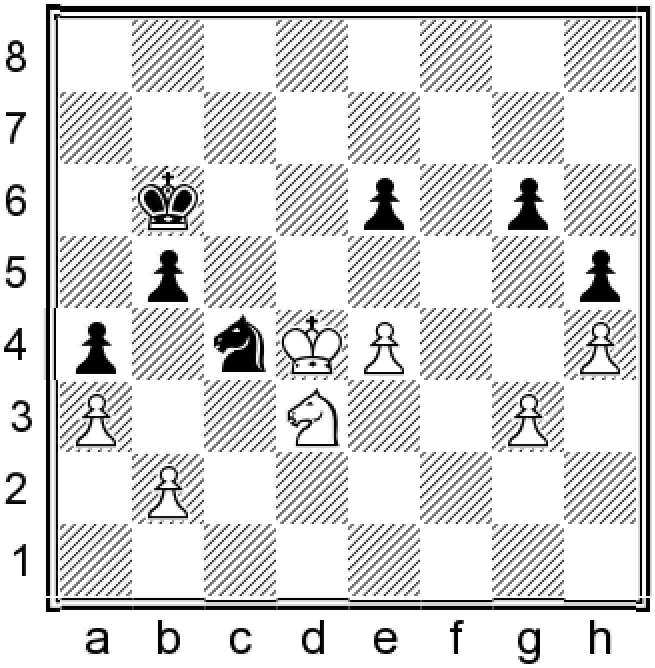
33...a4

[Redeploying the knight with 33...♘e8! 34.e4 fe4 35.fe4 ♔d6 36.♔c4 ♔e5 was best, but running short of time I wasn’t sure how to proceed.]

34.e4 fe4 35.fe4 ♔c5 36.h4 h5 37.g3 b5 38.♔c3



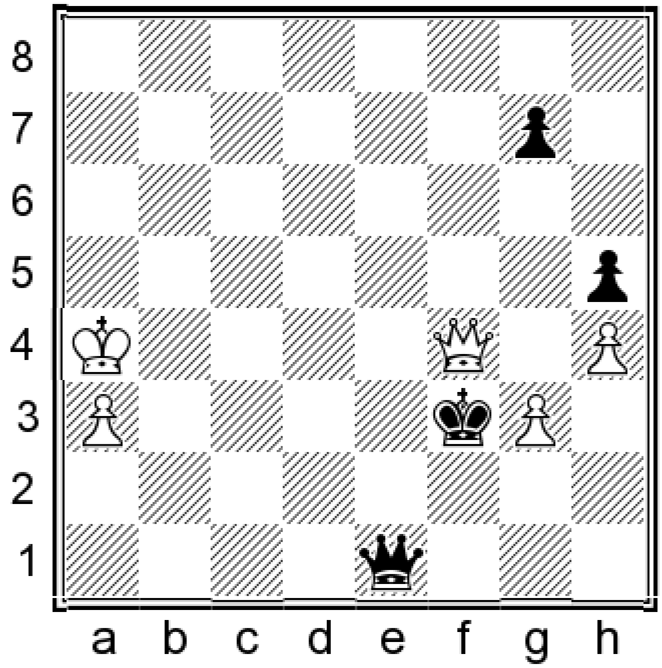
38...♔d6 My move forces matters at the cost of a pawn, but things are still okay for now. [The calm 38...g6 39.♘f3 ♘e8 40.♘e5 ♘d6 41.♘d3 (41.♔d3 ♘c4) 41...♔b6 42.♔d4 ♘c4



is alright according to the computer but is hard to commit to before the time control. 43.e5 (43.♘e5 ♘b2 44.♘g6? ♘d1! 45.♘e5 b4 46.♘c4 ♔b5) 43...♔c6 44.♔e4 ♘d2 45.♔f4 ♔d5 46.♔g5 ♘e4 47.♔g6 ♘g3 48.♔f6 ♘e4=]

39.♔b4 ♔e5 40.♘b5 ♘b5 41.♔b5 ♔e4 42.♔a4 e5 43.b4 ♔f3 44.b5 e4 45.b6 e3 46.b7 e2 47.b8♕ e1♕ Queening my e-pawn again.

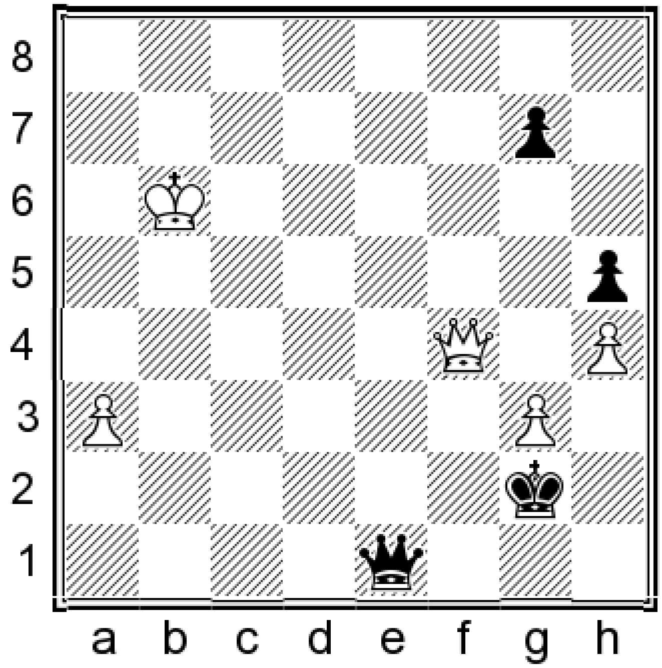
48.♕f4



48...♔g2 With the white king so exposed this should be a fairly simple hold, but over the next few moves the fatigue from my previous queen and pawn endgame begins to make itself felt.

49.♔b5 ♕e2
[49...♕e8 was also good.]

50.♔a5 ♕e1 51.♔b6

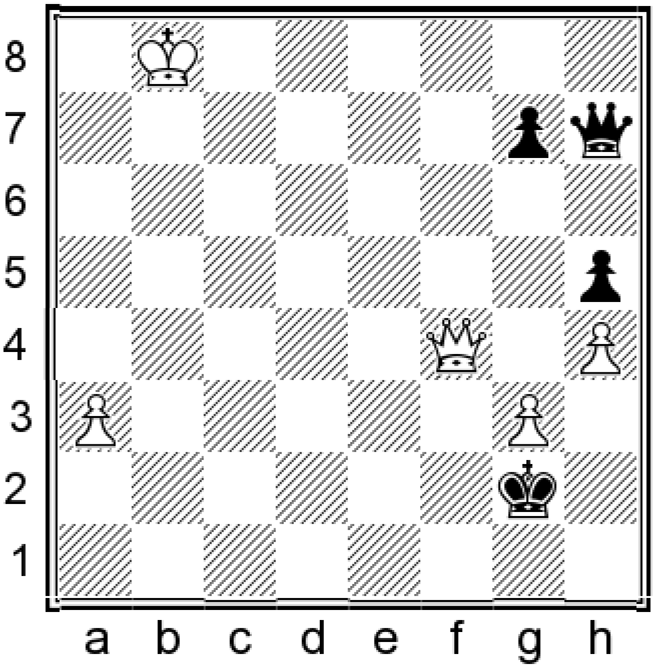


51...♕b1? An awful move.
[51...♕e6! 52.♔c5 ♕c8 53.♔b4 ♕b7 54.♔c3 ♕c6 55.♕c4 (55.♔b3 ♕b5=) 55...♕f6 56.♕d4 ♔g3 was correct.]

52.♔a7 For some reason I completely forgot about this.

52...♕h7 A strange square for the queen but not a bad move.

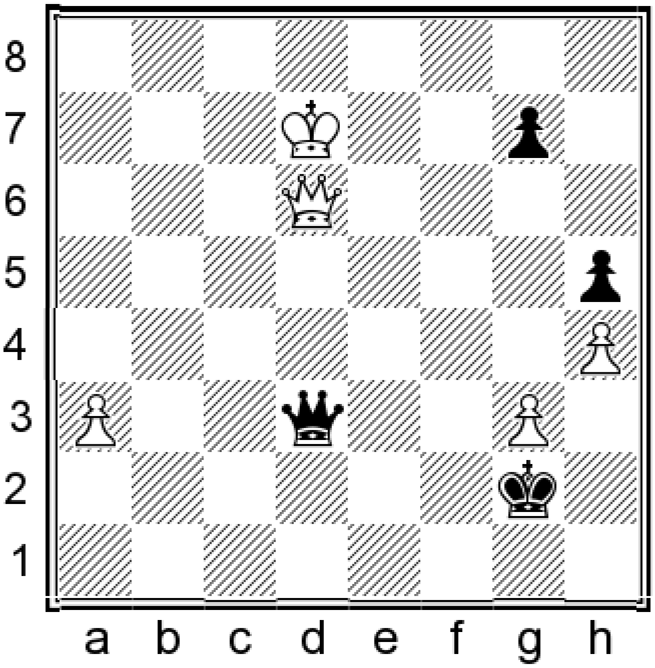
53.♔b8



53...♕b1

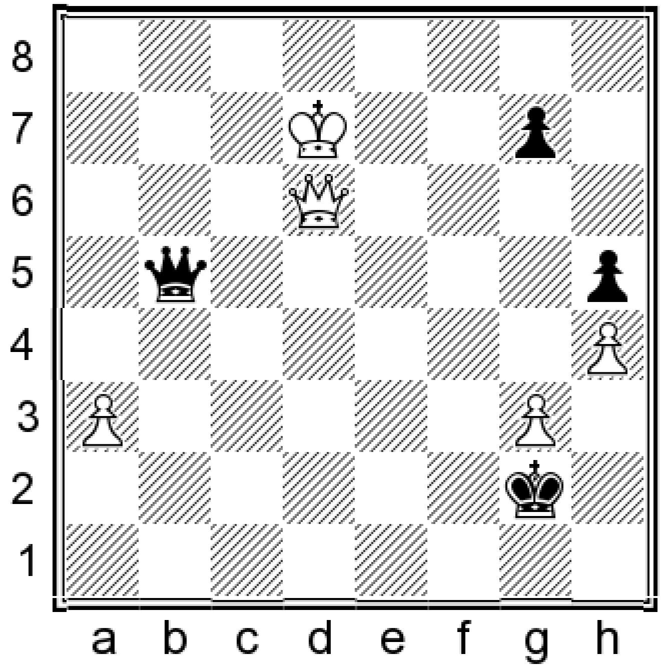
[53...♕g8!? 54.♔c7 ♕h7 was also possible. 55.♕g5 (55.♔d6 ♕d3) 55...♕d3 56.a4 ♕c4 57.♔d6 ♕a4 58.♕g7 ♕a3 59.♔e6 ♕g3 60.♕g5 ♔h3=]

54.♔c8 ♕c2 55.♔d7 ♕d3 56.♕d6



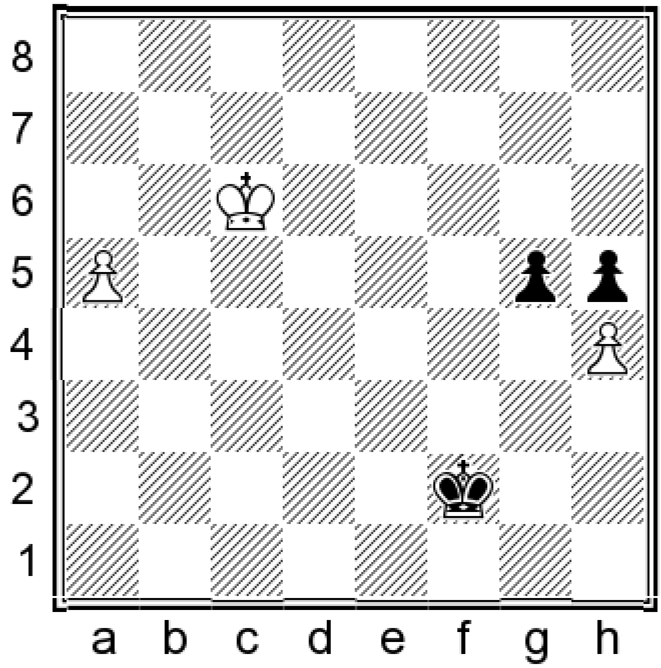
56...♕b5?

[Either 56...♕e2! 57.a4?! ♕g4 or 56...♕e3! 57.a4?! ♕a7, halting the white pawn, were fine.]

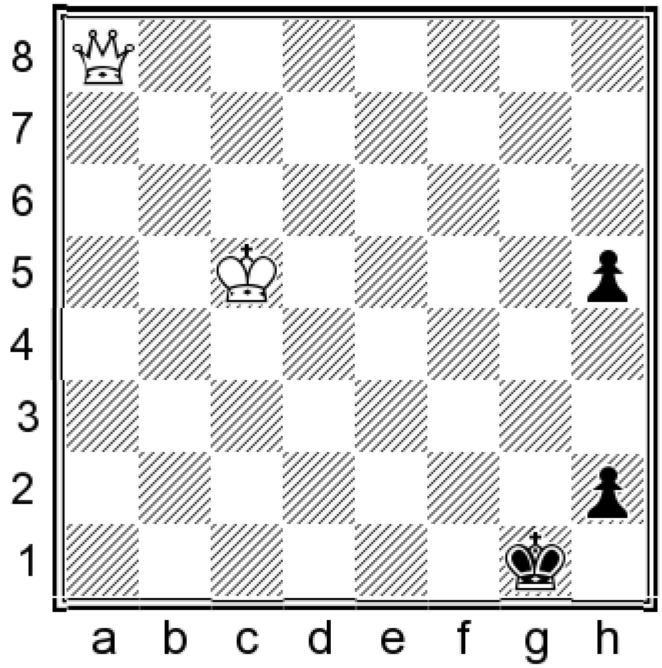


57.♔e7?

[Once I played the move I realised 57.♕c6 swaps queens, when I was intending to resign. This would have been an error, as in fact objectively the position remains a draw. 57...♕c6 58.♔c6 ♔g3 59.a4 ♔f2 60.a5 g5



61.a6?! (61.hg5! h4 62.g6 h3 63.g7 h2 64.g8♕ h1♕ 65.♕d5 ♕a1 is a tablebase draw, but probably winning in a practical game.) 61...gh4 62.a7 h3 63.a8♕ h2 64.♔c5 ♔g1

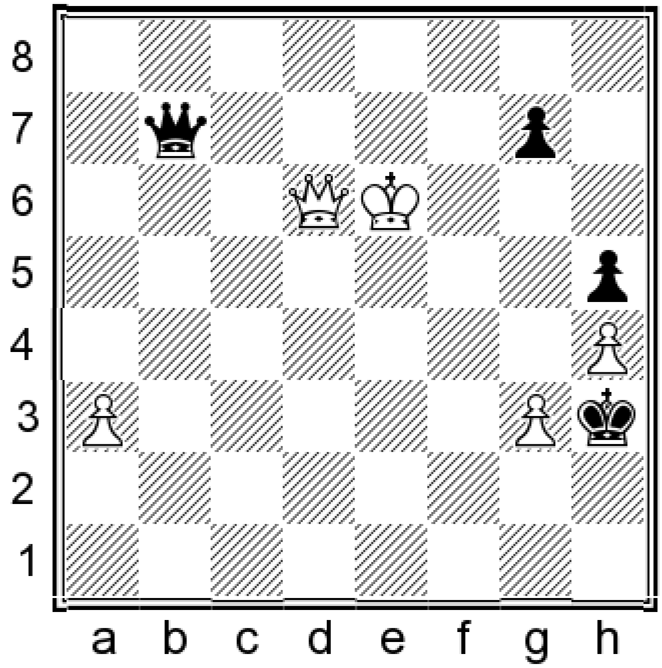


It looks like White should win here, but the second h-pawn controls the important g4 square and there is no way to force the black king to the corner 65.♕a1 ♔g2 66.♕b2 ♔g1 67.♕c1 ♔g2 68.♕g5 (68.♕d2 ♔g1 69.♕e1 ♔g2 70.♕e2 ♔g1!=) 68...♔f2 69.♕f4 (69.♕h5 ♔g2 70.♕g4 ♔f2 71.♕h3 ♔g1 72.♕g3 ♔h1=) 69...♔g2. Now White needs to check on g4 but without that possibility it's just a draw.]

57...♕b7 58.♔e6

[58.♔e8! was a better try, but by now my opponent realised what he missed last go and was probably demoralized. 58...g5! (I hope I would have avoided 58...♔h3? 59.♕d7 ♕d7 60.♔d7 ♔g3 61.a4+–) 59.♕d2 ♔g3 60.♕g5 ♔h3 61.♕h5 ♕a8 62.♔f7 ♕a3 63.♕g5 ♕b3 and White can't keep the pawn.]

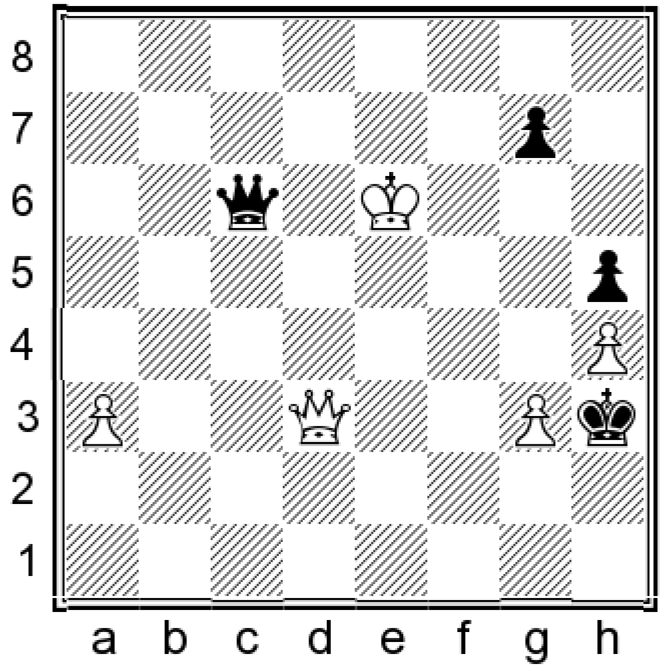
58...♔h3! A good spot for the king now.



59.♕d3

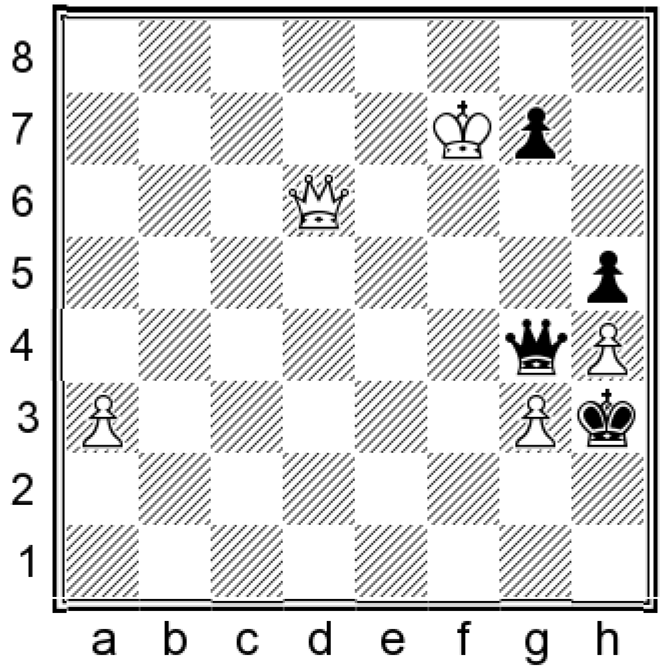
[59.♔f5 ♕f3 60.♔g6 ♕g4 61.♔h7 g5!; 59.♕d7 ♕e4]

59...♕c6



60.♕d6
[60.♔f7 ♕f6 61.♔g8 g5! again liquidates the kingside.]

60...♕b7 61.♔f5 ♕f3 62.♔g6 ♕g4 63.♔f7



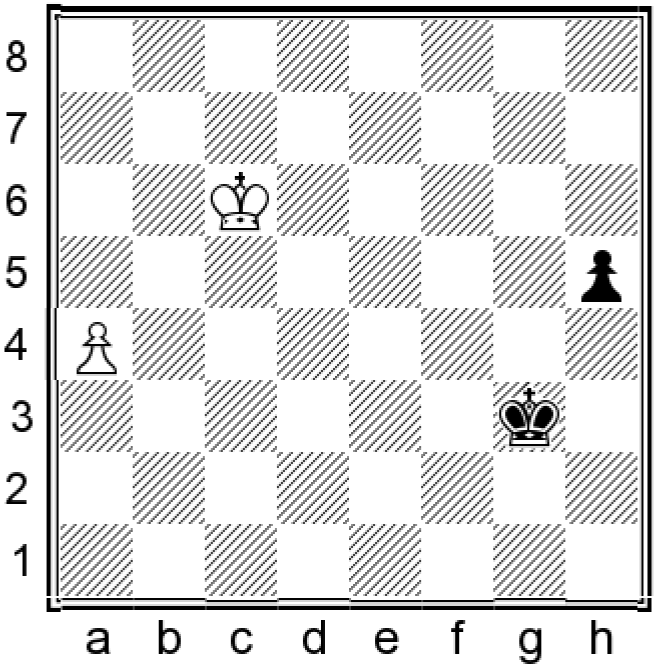
63...g5! Exchanging pawns kills White’s remaining hopes.

64.hg5 ♕g5 65.a4 ♕f5 66.♔e7 ♕h7
[66...♕e4?? 67.♕e6+–]

67.♔d8 ♕g8
[67...h4! ends the game at once as 68.gh4 ♕h4 picks up the last pawn.]

68.♔e7

[68.♔d7 ♕g4 (68...♕f7!?) 69.♕e6 ♔g3 70.♕g4 hg4 71.a5 ♔f2 72.a6 g3 73.a7 g2 74.a8♕ g1♕=; 68.♔c7?! ♕c4 69.♕c6 ♕c6 70.♔c6 ♔g3



Now Black queens first! – although it's still a draw: 71.a5 h4 72.a6 h3 73.a7 h2 74.♔b7 h1♕ 75.♔b8]

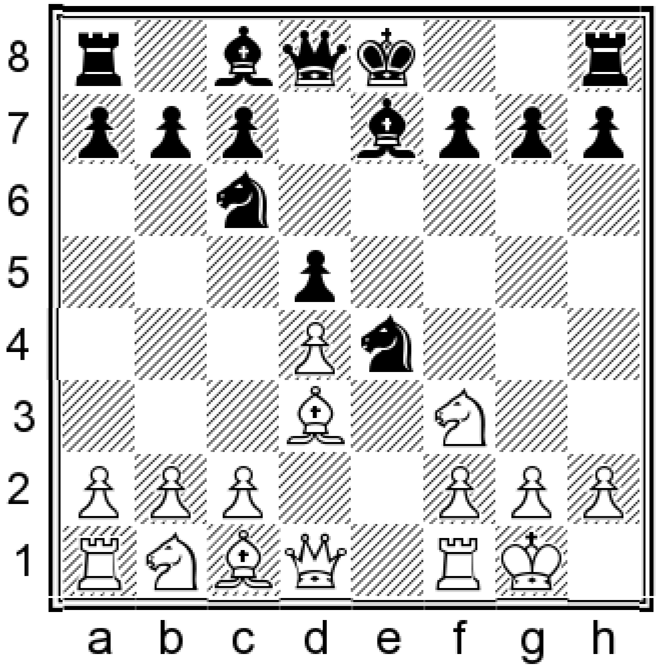
68...♕h7 69.♔f6 h4 70.gh4
1/2 : 1/2 Adams

The high point of the Olympiad from an English point of view was the defeat of China, a result that also put a serious dent in the chances of the defending champions retaining their title. Our 3-1 win was certainly pleasing, although the fact that the combined age of the winners was 95 may not bode well for the future.

C42
Adams 2738 – Wang Yue 2737
Round 7, Baku Olympiad 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 The Petroff is far less popular than in its heyday, but Wang Yue has remained a faithful advocate.

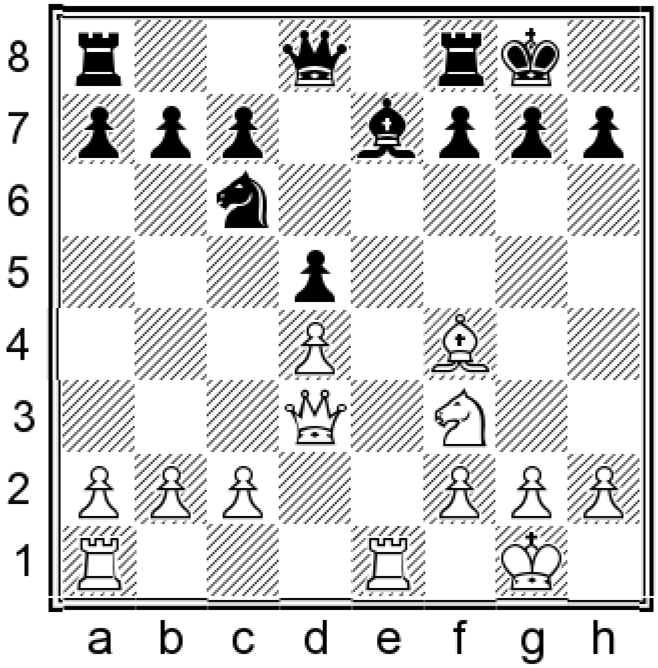
3.♘e5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘e4 5.d4 d5 6.♗d3 ♘c6 7.0-0 ♗e7



8.♘bd2 This modest line has become rather popular recently, although White's edge is not too large (as is fairly inevitable against the Petroff anyway), he does get a more comfortable position with very little risk. I first noticed it when my Baden-Baden team mate Rustam Kasimdzhanov scored an easy win against Li Chao, who was Nigel's opponent in this match, in the Bundesliga earlier this year.

8...♗f5 9.♖e1 ♘d2 10.♕d2 ♗d3 11.♕d3 0-0 Black has exchanged some pieces, but his knight on c6 is not especially well placed and my slight lead in development means I will get control of the only open file.

12.♗f4



12...♗d6 I'm not sure why, but this very logical move, swapping more material and easing the annoying pressure on c7, didn't really feature in my preparation. But as soon as the position arrived on the board it looked the most logical continuation.

[12...♕d7 has been the most common choice of late.]

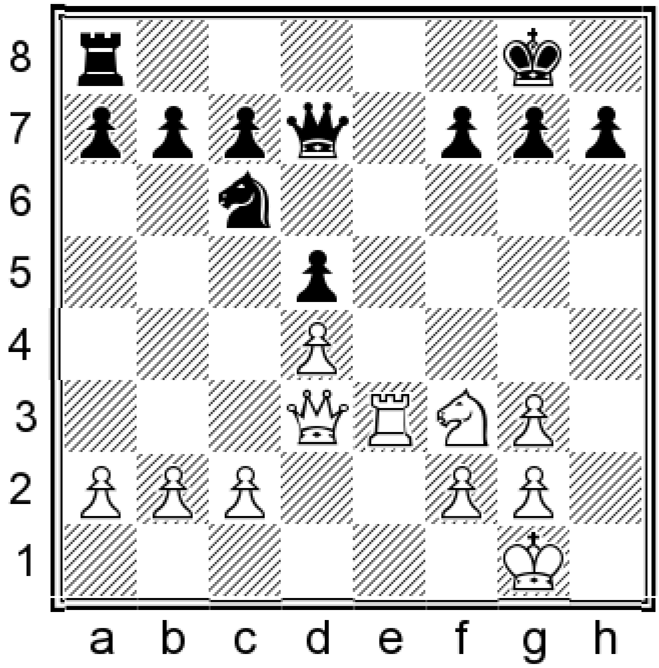
13.♗g3

[This looks natural as the swap of bishops will resolve any back rank issues for me, and I gain a little time by letting my opponent make the exchange. However, swapping bishops myself retains more options on the kingside to advance with h4, g3, ♔g2 etc. I didn’t like 13.♗d6 ♕d6 14.♖e3 (14.♖e2! prevents this idea.) 14...♖ae8 15.♖ae1 ♖e3 16.♖e3 ♕b4 when Black gets counterplay.]

13...♗g3 14.hg3 ♕d7N

[14...♕d6, as in the last line, also has some merits. RR Lanka 2535 – Hort 2535, Germany 1994]

15.♖e3 ♖fe8 16.♖ae1 ♖e3 17.♖e3



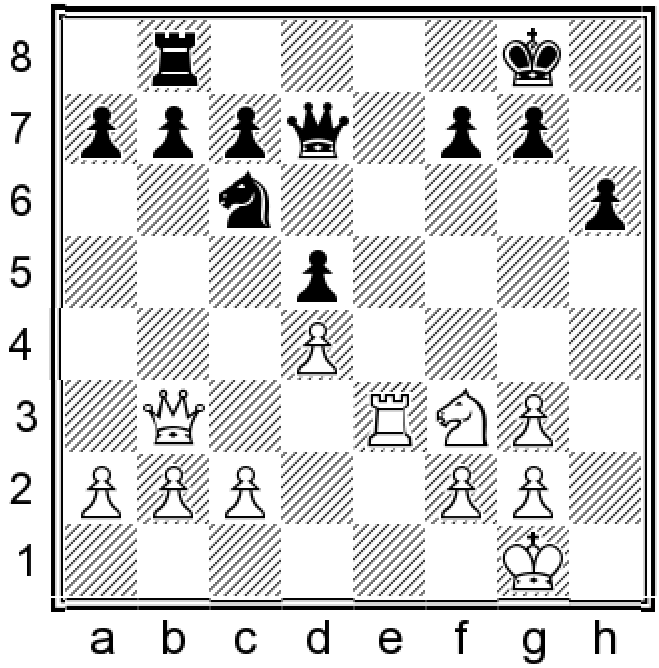
17...h6

[Not 17...♖e8? 18.♕f5! ♕d8 (18...♖e6 19.♘g5 g6 20.♕h3!) 19.♘g5 ♖e3 20.♕f7 ♔h8 21.♕h5 with a winning attack.]

18.♕b3

[18.♕b5 ♖b8 and the queen will be expelled with ...a6 next go. (Not 18...b6? 19.♖c3)]

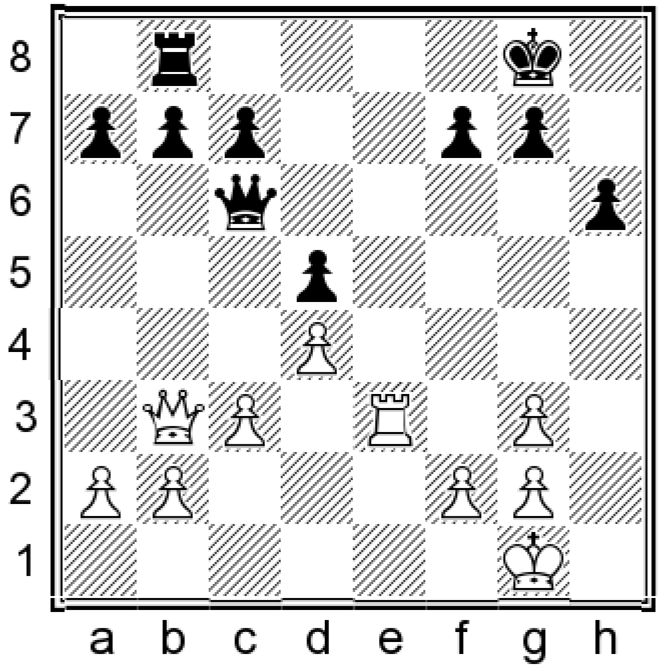
18...♖b8



19.♘e5

[I felt I needed to keep the momentum, instead of playing the useful 19.c3 when Black could try 19...b5 (or 19...g6).]

19...♕d6 20.♘c6 ♕c6 21.c3

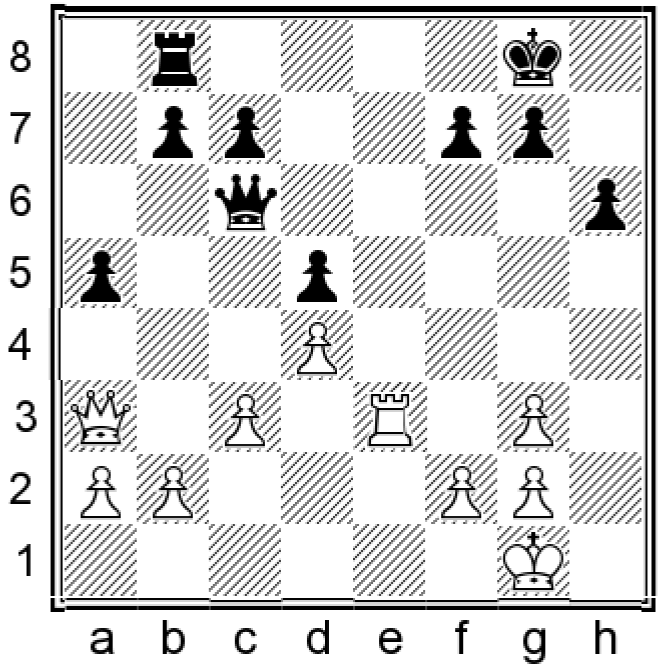


Of course White’s advantage is hardly huge here, but I was somewhat surprised by how many people considered this a cast iron draw. When almost everything else is identical, one advantageous feature in a position can quickly magnify in importance, and here occupation of the e-file and the ability for my rook to also operate laterally should not be underestimated over the board.

21...a5

[The most logical plan for Black is to reposition his queen, move his pawns to safe squares and swap rooks, but the lines 21...♕d7 22.♕a3 a6 23.♕e7 ♕e7 24.♖e7 ♖c8 25.♖d7 or 21...♕d6 22.♕a4 show this is not so simple. Instead my opponent logically looks for counterplay by advancing his queenside pawns.]

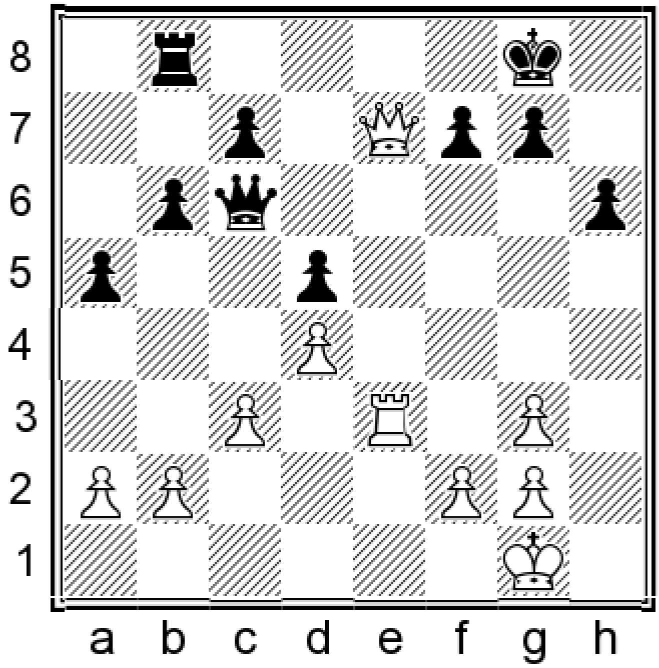
22.♕a3



22...b6

[22...♕b5 23.b3 b6 24.♕e7 was another option. Practically it is not so simple as there is no clear cut way to make a draw, but only a number of roughly equivalent continuations. However my opponent, who is a particularly doughty defender, normally excels at extinguishing the danger in such situations.]

23.♕e7



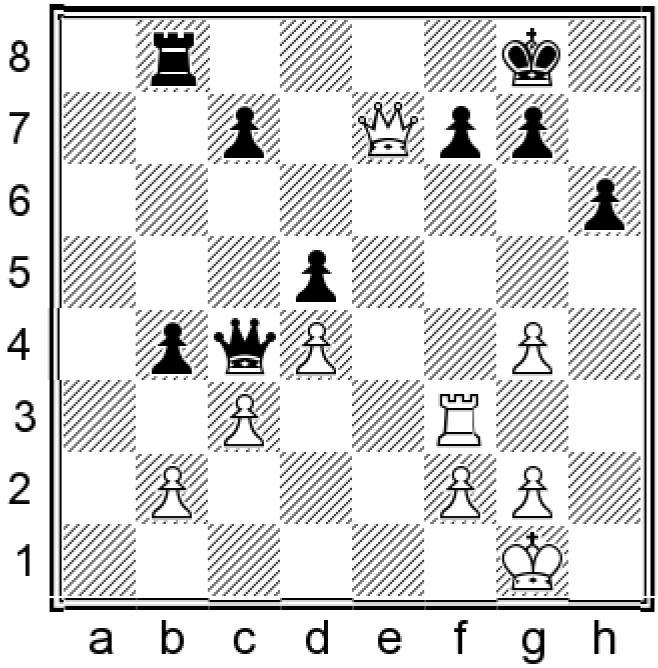
Wang Yue. Photo by David Llada

23...b5

[23...♖f8 works well after 24.g4?! (24.f3! ♕c4 25.b3 ♕c6 26.g4 keeps the pressure on.) 24...♕g6.]

24.a3 b4

[I saw 24...♕c4, recommended for Black here, but at the board this looked very dangerous due to 25.g4! b4 26.ab4 ab4 27.♖f3

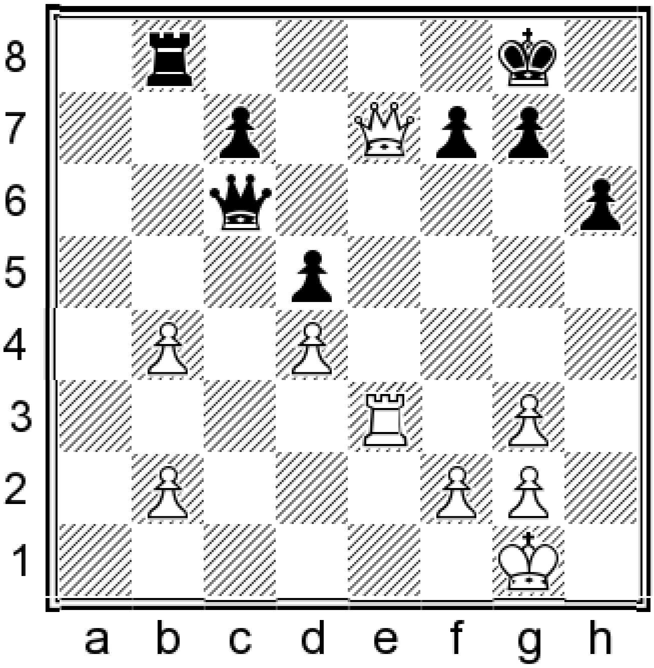


27...♖f8! (27...f6? 28.g5! wins instantly 28...hg5 (28...fg5 29.♖f7) 29.♕e6 ♔f8 (29...♔h7 30.♕f7!) 30.♖h3+–) 28.g5! Black has both actual and practical difficulties. 28...♕c6! is the most sensible reply, but not:

A) 28...hg5 29.♕g5 bc3 30.♖g3 g6 (30...♕d4 31.bc3 ♕d1 32.♔h2 g6 33.♖h3) 31.♕f6+–;

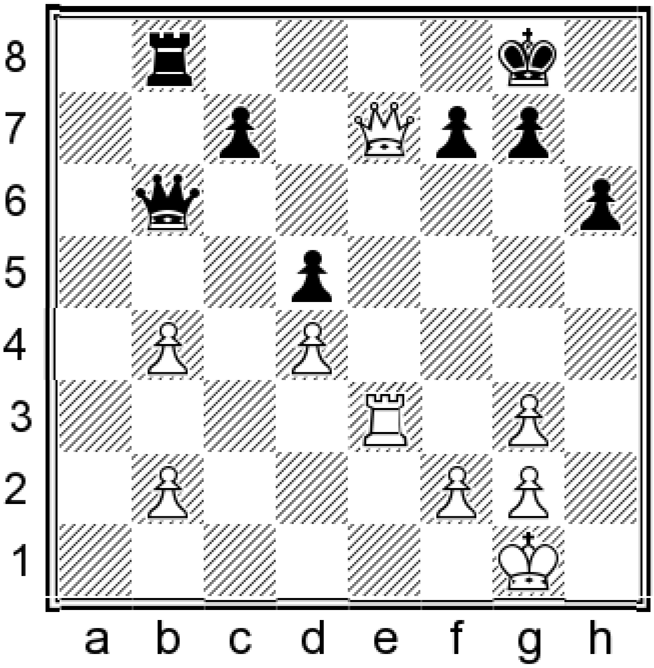
B) 28...h5 29.g6+–;
29.gh6 ♕h6 30.♕c7±]

25.ab4 ab4 26.cb4



26...♕c1 The queen check looks pretty logical: he regains the pawn immediately and his queen then targets three of my pawns, but Wang Yue should have continued more cautiously as now his two major pieces get separated and become much less effective.

[26...♕b6!



looks rather scary but actually holds.

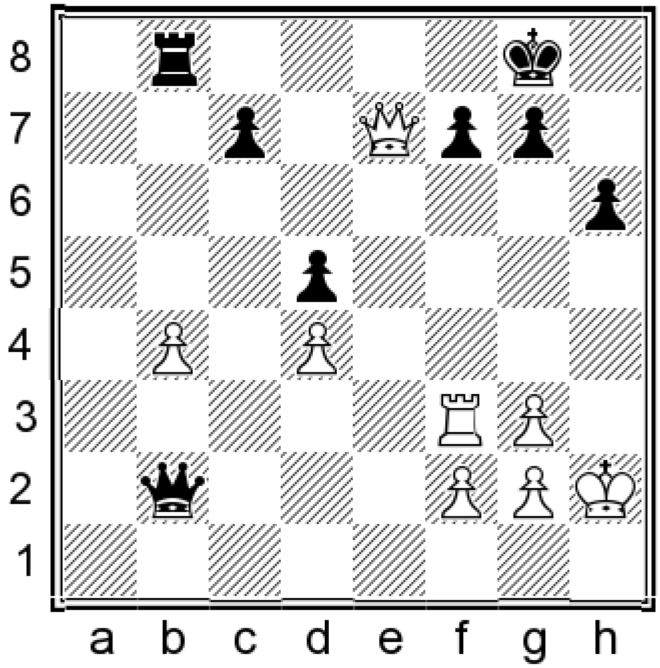
A) 27.♕e5 ♕b4 28.♕d5 ♕b2 29.♖e7 ♕b3 30.♕b3 (30.♖e8 ♔h7= could be worrisome at the board.) 30...♖b3 31.♖c7 ♖b1 32.♔h2 ♖d1 33.♖d7 ♔f8 and the extra pawn is not that significant here.;

B) 27.♖f3 f6 28.♖c3 ♕d4 29.♖c7 ♕d1 30.♔h2 ♕h5=; 26...♕c4!, with similar ideas, is also good enough.]

27.♔h2 ♕b2 28.♖f3

[I played this quickly, happy that I now had some real advantage, but there was another good option in 28.♕c7!? ♕b4

29.♖e5! since after winning the pawn, my major pieces will remain well placed as attempts to simplify with 29...♕b7? (29...♕b6? 30.♖e8) 30.♖e8 fail badly.]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28...♖f8

[The ugly 28...f6 was also an option

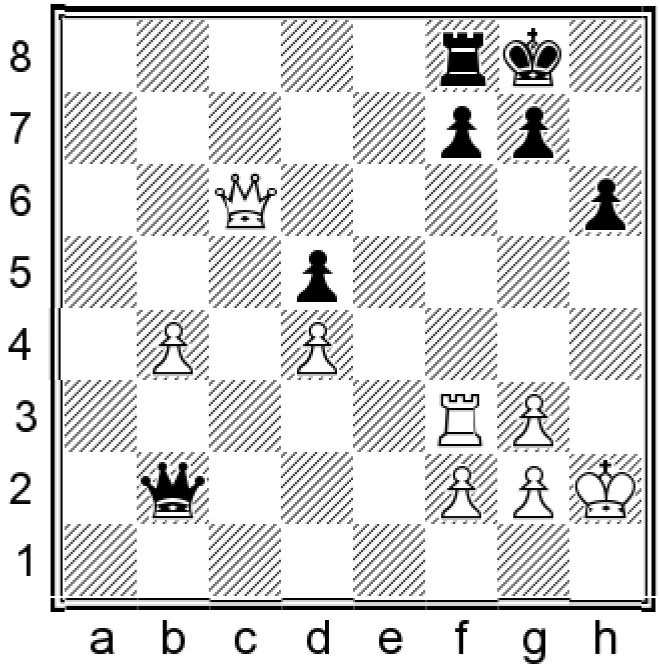
A) 29.♖e3!? ♕c2! (29...♕f2 30.♕c7 ♕e3 31.♕b8±) 30.♕d7 c6 31.♖e7 ♕g6 should hold.

B) 29.♕c7 ♕b4 30.♖f5 ♕b6 31.♕b6 ♖b6 32.♖d5 is not a simple draw.]

29.♕c5 c6

[29...g6 30.b5 and one of the Black pawns will disappear next go.]

30.♕c6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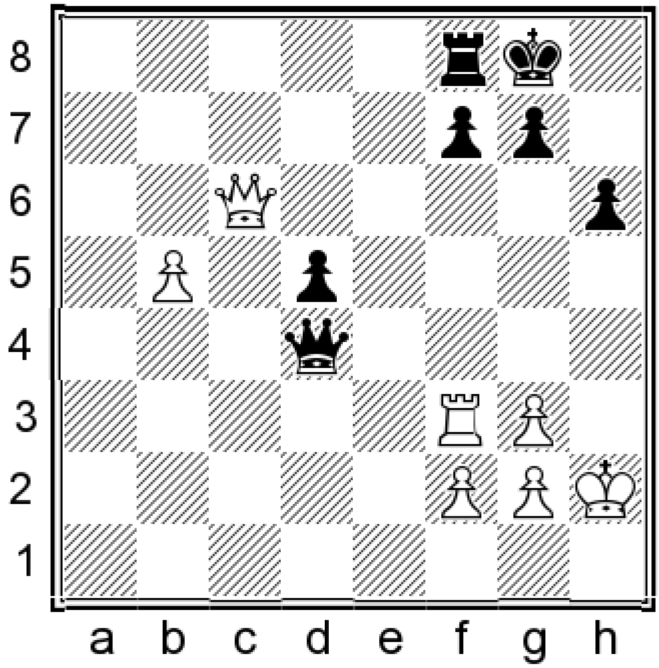
30...♕d4

[I thought my opponent would accept that he cannot comfortably maintain equal material and play 30...♕b4 31.♕d5 ♕e7 32.♕c5 (32.♖e3?! ♕f6! solves most of Black's problems; 32.♕a5!?) when Black has to allow the pawn forward or play 32...♕c5 33.dc5 ♖c8 34.♖c3 f6 35.g4 ♔f7 36.♔g3 ♔e6 37.♔f4 which looks pretty tough.]

31.b5

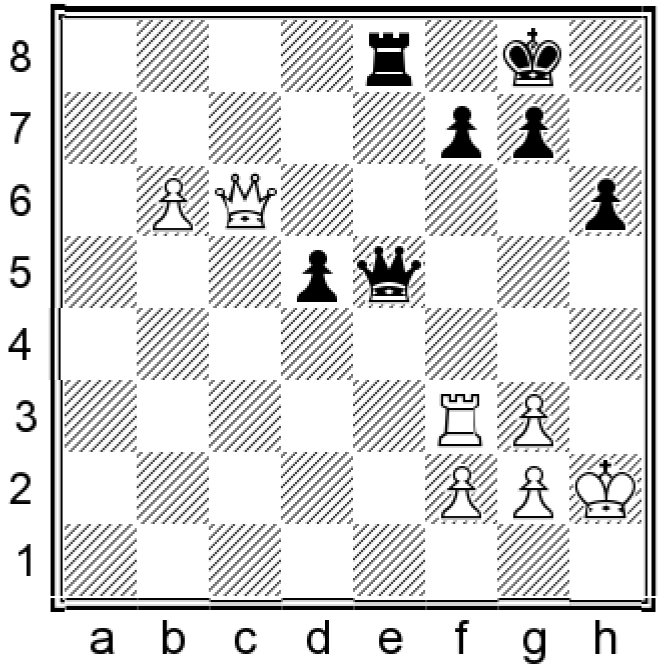


The disparity in activity between the major pieces means that my passer is seriously fleet of foot.

31...♕e5

[31...♕c4 is met by 32.♕d7!]

32.b6 ♖e8



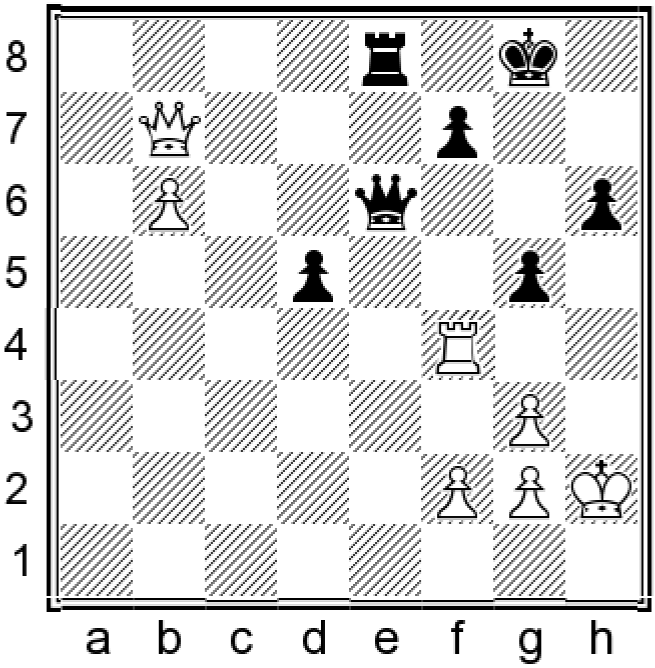
This move looks good, threatening mate in two, but I suspect Wang Yue underestimated the difficulties that persist after my response, which secures my king position.

33.♖f4
[33.b7?? ♕h5 34.♔g1 ♖e1]

33...♕e6
[33...g5 34.♖a4 or 33...♕h5 34.♖h4 don't endanger my king, so Black tries to slow the advance of the b-pawn.]

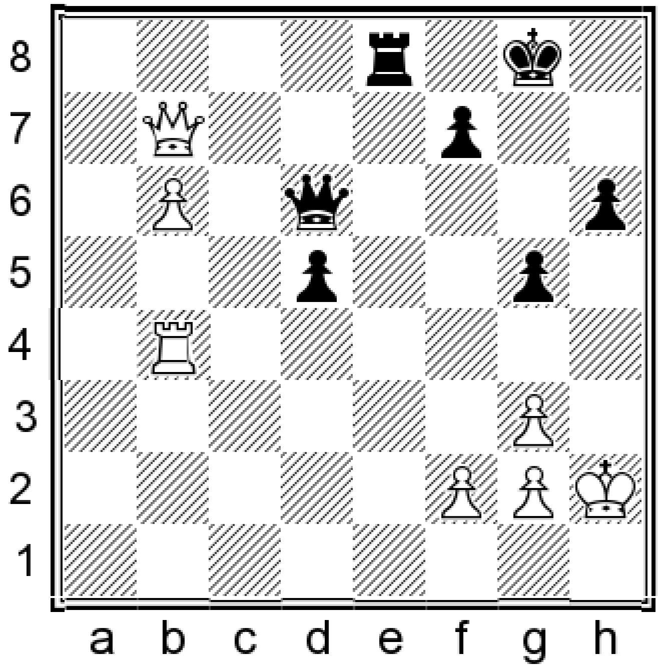
34.♕b7
[I mistakenly rejected 34.♕c7 due to 34...♖e7? (34...♕e7! is not so easy to break though as it covers b4.) 35.♖b4! I saw this but thought it didn't work due to 35...♖c7 36.bc7 ♔h7 37.♖b8 ♕e5 38.c8♕ ♕h5 39.♔g1 (39.♕h3+–) 39...♕d1 40.♔h2 ♕h5 with perpetual check, however 41.♕h3+–, here or two moves earlier, rather changes the assessment of this line.]

34...g5



35.♖a4
[The computer thinks that 35.♖b4!? was stronger but the variations are rather confusing – I think it would be very hard to play this in a game.
Black then has the following options:

A) 35...♕d6

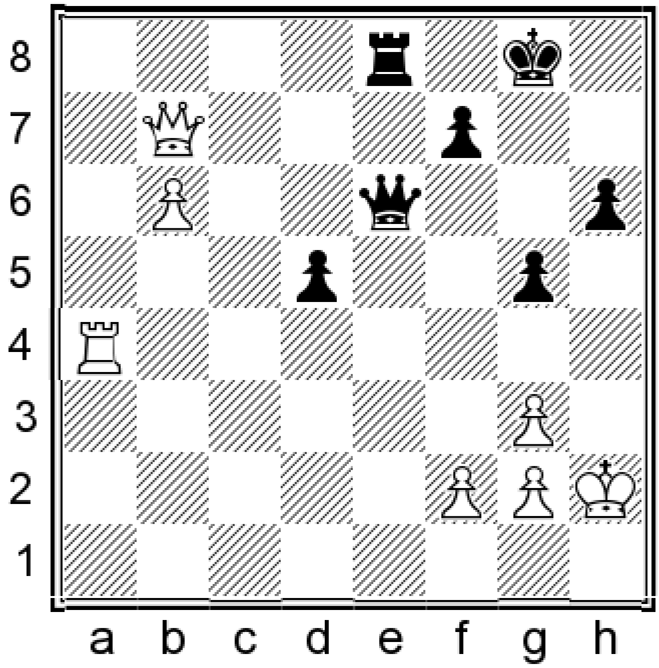


concerned me but 36.♖b5, again moving the rook to an undefended square, is another counter-intuitive but powerful continuation: 36...♕g6 (36...d4 37.♕c7) 37.♕d7! ♕h5 38.♕h3 ♕h3 39.♔h3 ♖b8 40.♔g4 and my active king will decide matters;

B) 35...♕g6 can be met by 36.♕d7 (36.♕d5 ♕h5 37.♖h4+–) 36...♕h5 37.♖h4+–;

C) 35...♔g7 36.♕c7 ♕c8 37.♕d6 ♖e1 38.g4 ♕b7±;

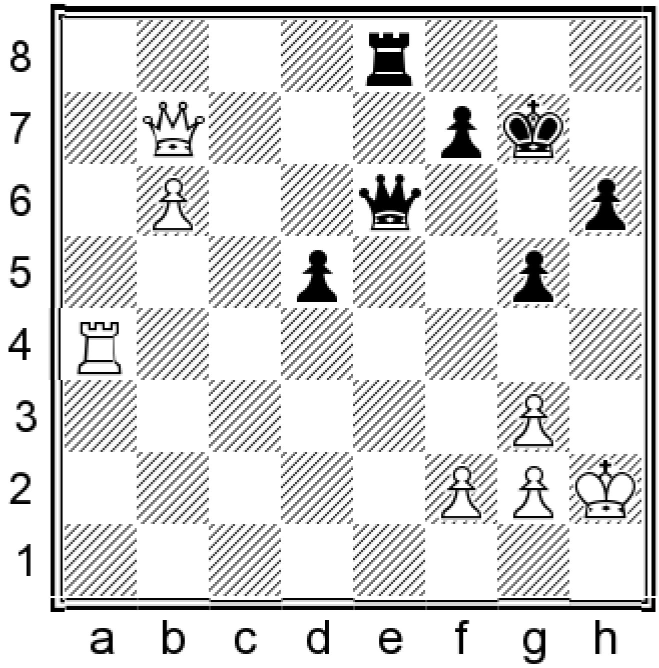
35.♖f3 d4! (35...♕g6 36.g4) 36.♕c7 ♖c8 (36...♕e7!?) 37.♕a7 ♕g6 38.g4 ♕d6 39.g3 ♖f8 and Black holds on by his fingertips.]



35...♕e2?

[35...♕g6? 36.♖a1! was my idea and with the back rank covered Black is out of options: 36...♔g7 (36...♕d6 37.♖a8+–) 37.♕a7+–;

I realised 35...♔g7!



was the only option: 36.♕a7 ♕e2 37.f3 ♕f1 (37...♕f2 38.b7 transposes) threatening ♖e2. Then after 38.♖a1 ♕f2 39.b7 ♕a7 40.♖a7 ♖b8 41.♔g1 ♔f6 42.♔f2 ♔e5 43.♔e3 it’s not clear if Black can survive, but it had to be tried.]

36.f3

[I saw the flashy 36.♕d5 ♕h5 37.♖h4 ♕g6 38.♕d7 was also good, but as my opponent’s last move was rather desperate, the simple pawn advance secures the kingside before getting back to advancing my pawn.]

36...d4

[Other moves are equally hopeless: 36...♔g7 37.♖a8 ♖e7 38.♕b8+–; 36...♕f1 37.♖a8+–]

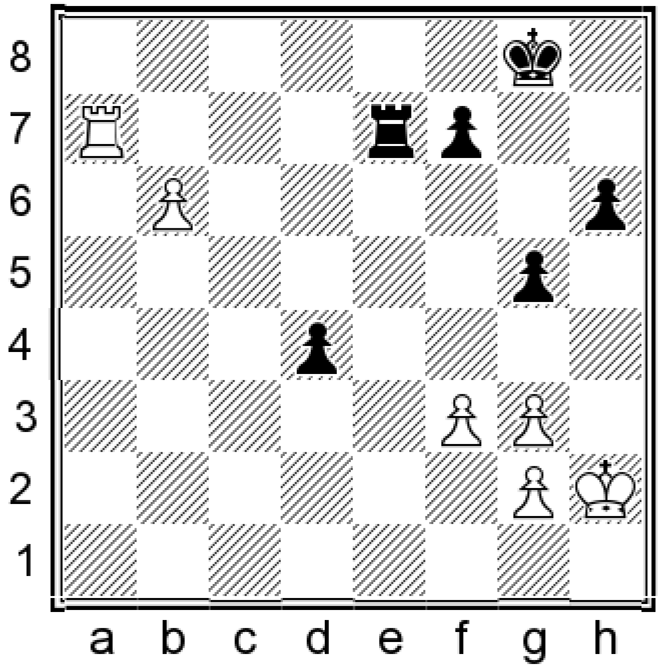
37.♕d7

[37.♖a8 d3 38.♕c6 ♖a8 39.♕a8 ♔g7 40.b7 also wins, as the second queen will deliver a mating attack.]

37...♕e7 38.♕e7

[38.♕d4 is okay but I saw an immediate win.]

38...♖e7 39.♖a7



Black resigned as 39...♖e8 40.b7 d3 41.♖a8 or 39...♖e6 40.♖a8 ♔g7 41.b7 promote the pawn.
1 : 0 Adams

After the game finished we were leading 2–1 and a quick look at Nigel's game suggested that although things were rather complicated, he was doing very well. Not long afterwards some accurate moves on his part confirmed that assessment for a memorable match win.

Beating Azerbaijan in the penultimate round was also pleasing, but the last round was a bit of a missed opportunity as our match with Peru seemed to be going smoothly, but some unfavourable fluctuations around the time control meant that we had to settle for a 2-2 draw.

Carlsen

Baku 2016

CARLSEN VS MORTALS IN BAKU

The Chess Olympiad is the only tournament where mere mortals get a chance to play the immortals of our chess kingdom. This usually happens on board 1, although the (un)lucky ones who draw Russia or USA get to play Kramnik on board 2 or So on board 3.

Magnus Carlsen’s results at the last two Olympiads before Baku were far from stellar: in Khanty-Mansiysk in 2010 he lost three games, to Jobava, Adams and Sjugirov, while on home turf in Tromso in 2014 he started very well but spoilt it all, first by losing from a winning position against Naiditsch and then in the last round when he lost to Saric.

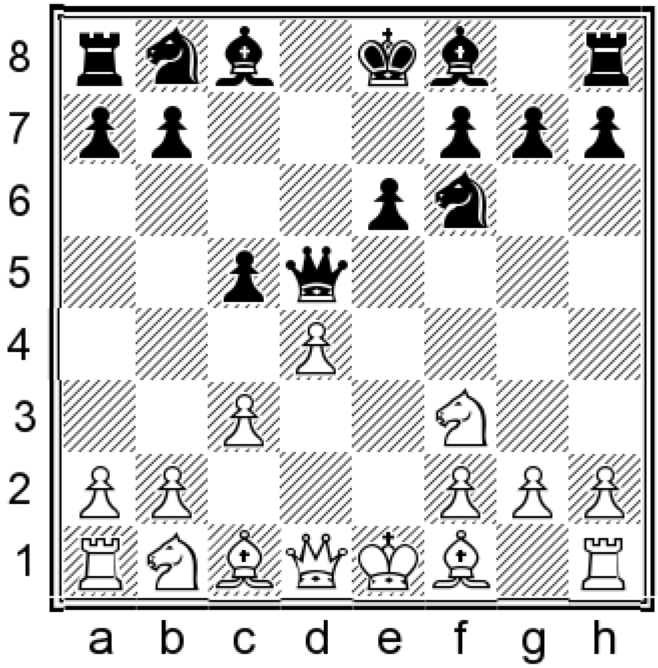
After his poor results, Carlsen remembered the wise words of his former coach Garry Kasparov, who advised him not to play in tournaments with amateur conditions because then he himself would play amateur chess. It is true that the conditions at the Olympiads are far from those in the elite closed tournaments, yet Carlsen decided to give it another try and led the young Norwegian team in Baku this year.

After missing Round 1, Carlsen played the remaining 10 games. His score of 5 wins and 5 draws on board 1 was excellent, but there were hiccups along the way, where you wouldn’t normally expect them. Playing opponents rated more than 300 points below him, Carlsen uncharacteristically allowed too many chances.

In Round 4 Carlsen was Black against GM David Smerdon from Australia. Smerdon almost always plays the Alapin against the Sicilian so Carlsen could prepare well. Let’s see what happened in that game.

B22
Smerdon 2531 – Carlsen 2857
Round 5, Baku Olympiad 2016

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.ed5 ♕d5 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 e6



6.♘a3 Smerdon has played like this before, but he has also played 6.♗e2 and 6.♗d3.

Aleksandar Čolović

- **Country:** FYROM
- **Born:** 1976
- **Rating:** 2447
- **Peak rating:** 2516
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2013

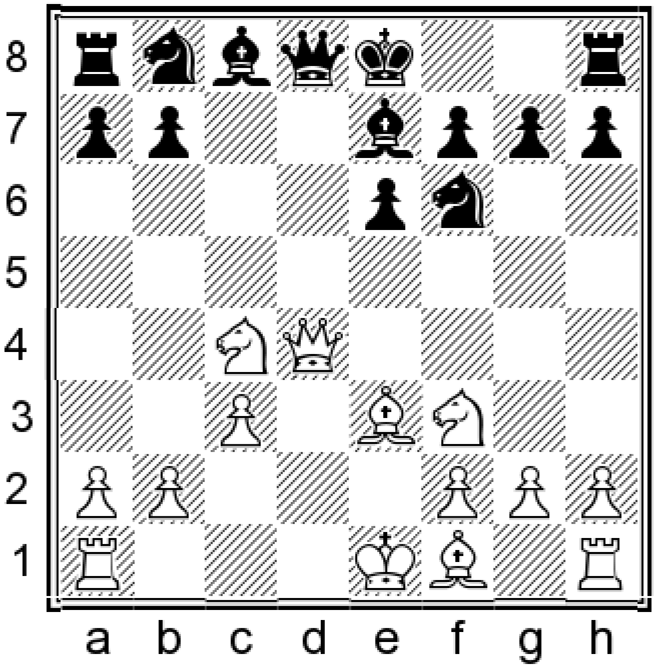
6...♕d8 The main move in this position.
[6...a6 7.♘c4 was Smerdon 2513 – David 2565, Tromso (ol) 2014]

7.♘c4
[7.♘c2 is an alternative here.]

7...♗e7
[7...♘c6 is three times more popular, but we already know that popularity has never influenced Carlsen's opening choices. RR Tkachiev 2639 – Doncea 2475, France 2010 – 110/73]

8.♗e3 This clarifies the situation in the centre as it attacks c5.
[8.♗d3 is an alternative.]

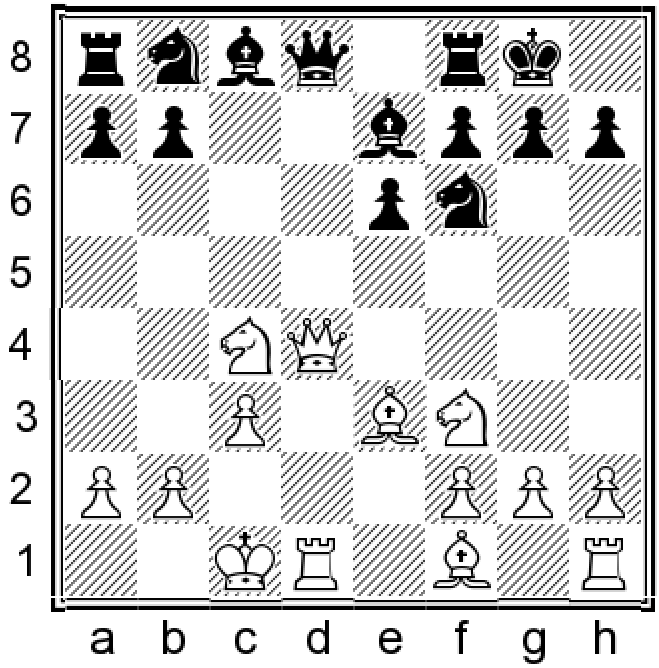
8...cd4 9.♕d4



And this is new in top chess. Offering an endgame to Carlsen may seem dubious, but White is ahead in development here and it shows even in an endgame.
[9.♘d4]

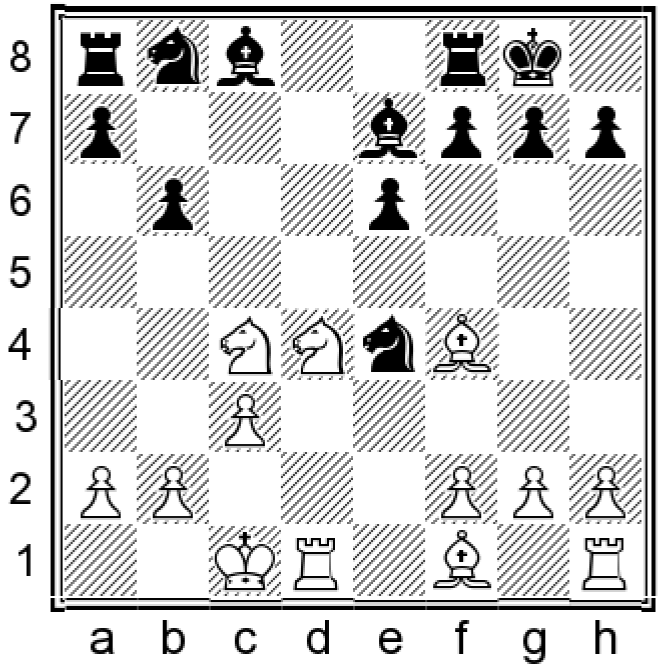
9...0-0
[9...♕d4?! 10.♘d4, threatening ♘b5. Then after 10...♘bd7 11.g3!, with ♗g2 to come, Black's queenside is under serious attack.]

10.0-0-0N Still playing for rapid development.
[RR 10.♕d8 Geo. Kuzmin 1831 – Loginov 2086, Novosibirsk 2007]



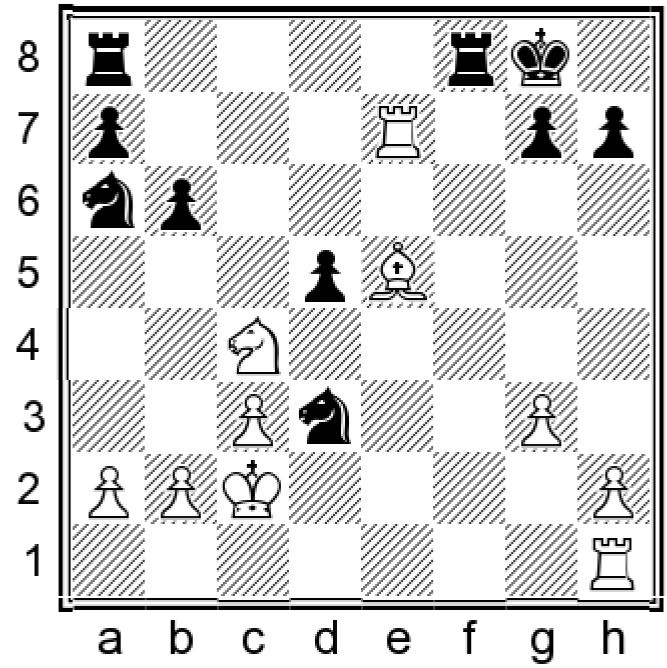
10...♘d5 Since the endgame is still very safe for White, Carlsen keeps the queens on and with this move also threatens to speed up his development with the tempo-gaining ...♘c6.

[10...♕d4 is better now than on the previous move. Then 11.♘d4 b6!, before White gets to play g3 and ♗g2, 12.♗f4 (12.♘b5 ♘d5!) 12...♘e4!



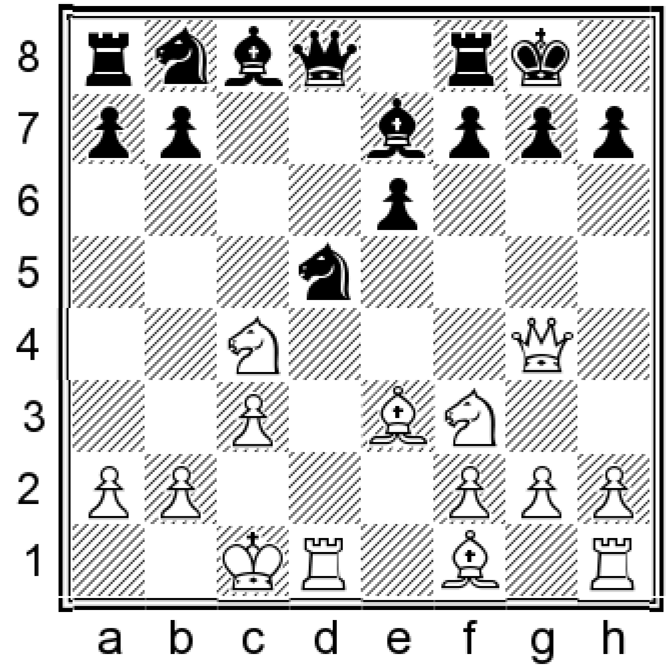
David Smerdon. Photo by Mihajlo Antic

...covering d6, but this is a highly tactical move as it involves the calculation of a possible capture on f2 and pins along the h1–a8 diagonal, as well as other tactical motifs. (12...♗b7 13.♗d6 gives White some initiative.) 13.g3! ♗b7 (13...♘f2?! 14.♗g2 ♗a6 15.♘b6 ab6 16.♗a8 ♘d1 17.♖d1 and White is a pawn up.) 14.♗g2 ♘a6 15.♘e6 Flashy, leading to equality, but fine anyway. (15.♖he1 ♘ac5) 15...fe6 16.♖d7 ♗d5 17.♖e7 ♘f2 18.♗d5 ed5 19.♗e5 ♘d3 20.♔c2



20...dc4 21.♖g7 ♔h8 22.♗d4 ♖ad8 23.♖d7 with a perpetual check. Perhaps Carlsen’s game was destined to end in a perpetual?]

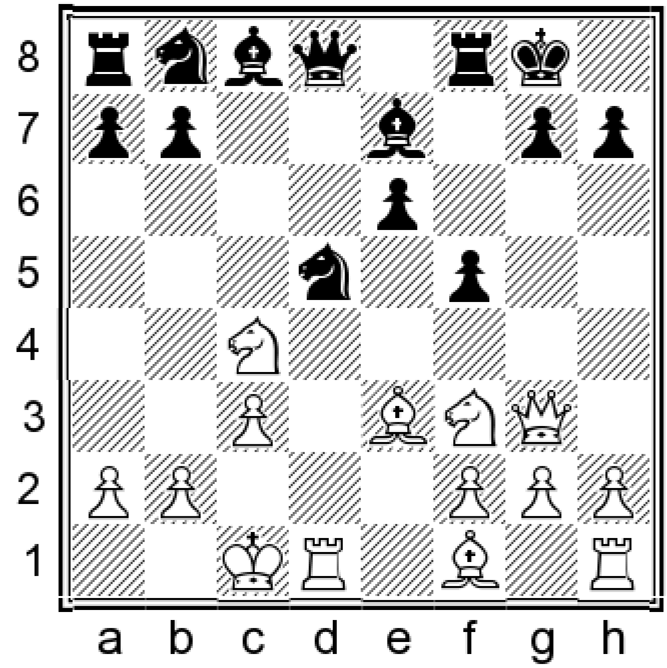
11.♕g4



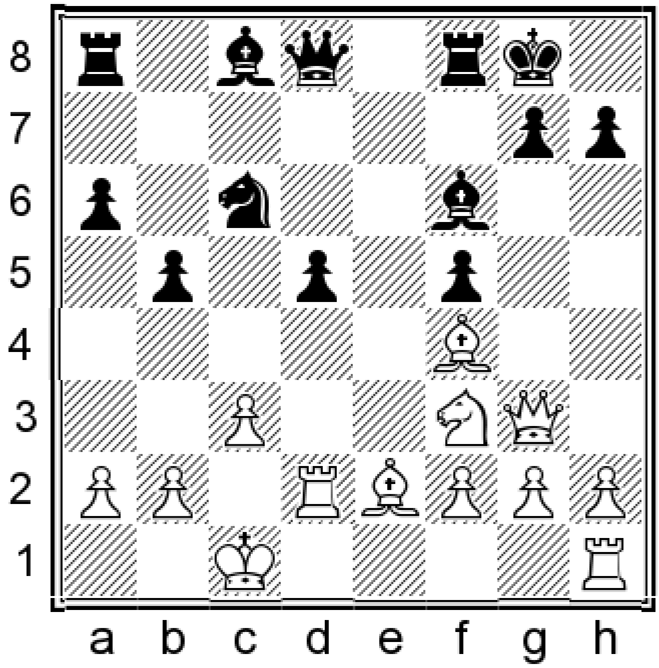
11...♘e3 It's very tempting to gain the bishop pair and possibly ruin White's structure, but with this move Black exchanges his centralised knight and falls further behind in development. The move is objectively okay, but from a practical perspective it makes Black's play more difficult. Black had two other moves at his disposal, both trying to gain time by attacking the opponent's pieces.

[11...b5 12.♘ce5 (12.♗h6 ♗f6 only helps Black.) 12...♘e3 13.fe3 ♕b6 14.♗d3 f5 15.♕d4, in order to gain the h4-square for the queen. Then 15...♗c5 16.♕h4 ♗e3 17.♔b1 with compensation for White, as the position is dynamically balanced, for example: 17...♘d7 18.♘d7 ♗d7 19.♗f5 ef5 20.♖d7 ♕g6;

Or 11...f5 12.♕g3

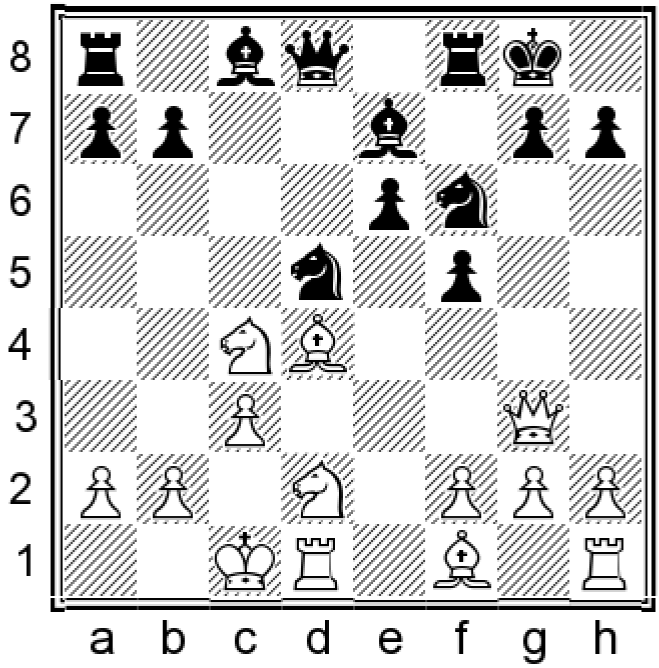


A) 12...♘c6 13.♗f4 ♗f6 when Black is threatening ...b5 and then ...♘c3 if the white bishop goes to e2. 14.♖d2 (14.♗e2? b5! 15.♘e3 ♘c3! 16.bc3 ♕a5 with a winning attack.) 14...b5 15.♘e3 a6 16.♘d5 ed5 17.♗e2



and here the complications after 17...d4!? will eventually prove favourable for White. 18.♘e5! ♘e5 19.♗e5 f4! 20.♕f3! ♗e5 21.♕a8 f3 22.♗f3 ♕f6 23.♖d4 ♕h6 (23...♗d4 24.♕d5 ♗e6 25.♕d4±) 24.♖d2 ♗e6 (24...♗f4 25.♖hd1 ♗e6 26.♕e4 transposes to 24...♗e6) 25.♕e4 ♗f4 26.♖hd1 ♗a2 27.b4! Δ 27...♗b3 28.♔b2 ♗d1 29.♖d1±;

B) 12...♘d7 This looks safer than 12...♘c6. 13.♗d4 (13.♗h6 ♗f6) 13...♘7f6 14.♘fd2 Covering e4.



14...♗d7 (14...b5 15.♘e5 ♕e8 16.♗e2 ♗b7 17.♔b1 with unclear play.) 15.♔b1 ♗a4!? 16.♖c1 ♖c8 with complex play.]

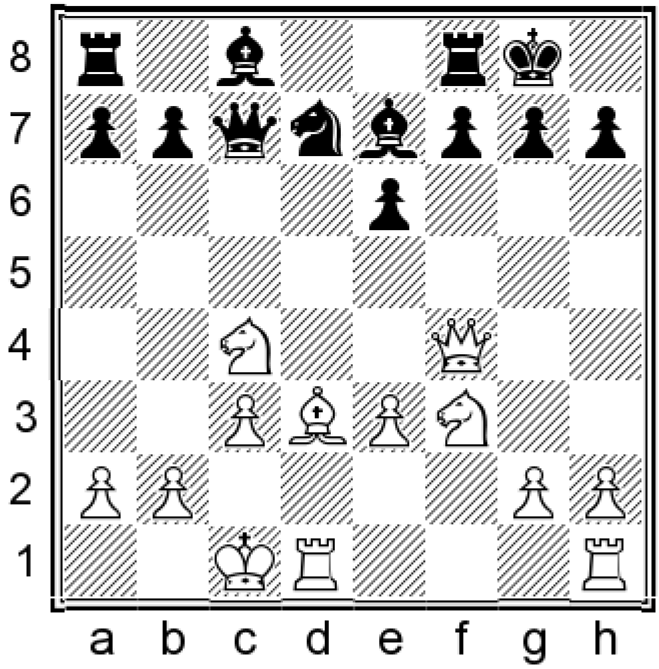
12.fe3

[12.♘e3 was also possible, for example one line might run 12...♕c7 13.♗d3 ♘d7 14.♔b1 ♘c5 15.♗c2 b5 16.♕h3 g6 17.♕h6 f5 18.h4 ♗f6 19.h5 ♗g7 20.♕g5 ♗f6 with a repetition.]

12...♕c7 13.♗d3 ♘d7

The knight now has the option of coming to f6, covering the kingside.

14.♕f4

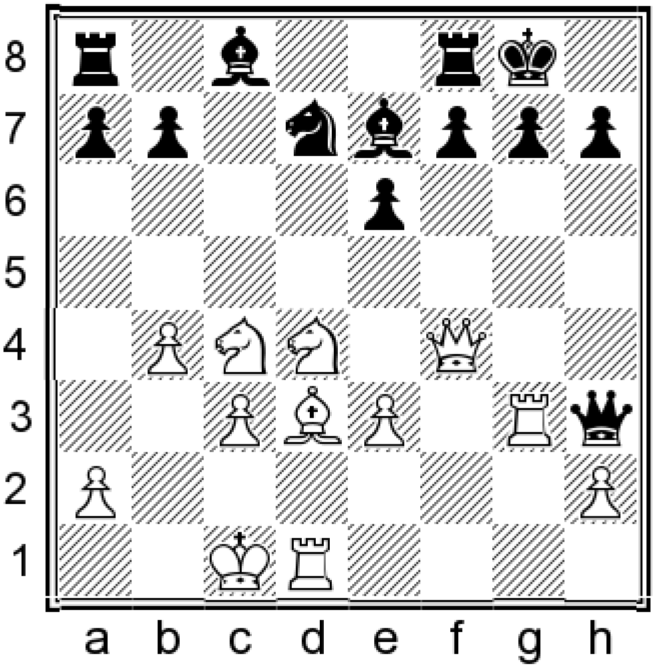


14...♕c5
[14...♕f4?! 15.ef4 ♘f6 16.♖he1 As in the endgames above, White has the initiative thanks to his advantage in development.]

15.b4!? Aggressive play. Though it is also weakening, for the time being Black cannot take advantage of this. Meanwhile White hopes to gain time by attacking Black’s queen.

15...♕c6 16.♘d4 ♕g2
This reminds me of the Poisoned Pawn variation of the Najdorf! Black is greedy and behind in development but always survives, provided he plays very precisely!
[16...♕d5 17.♘f3 ♕c6 (17...♕h5?! 18.g4 ♕b5 19.h4 with attack.) 18.♘d4=]

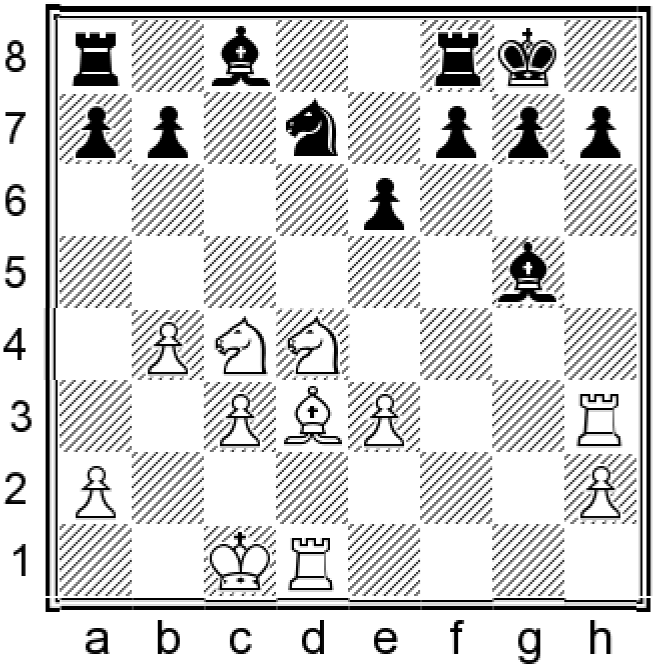
17.♖hg1 ♕h3 18.♖g3



18...♕h4? Carlsen is famous for his precise play, but perhaps these irrational positions aren’t his forte when he needs to defend them.

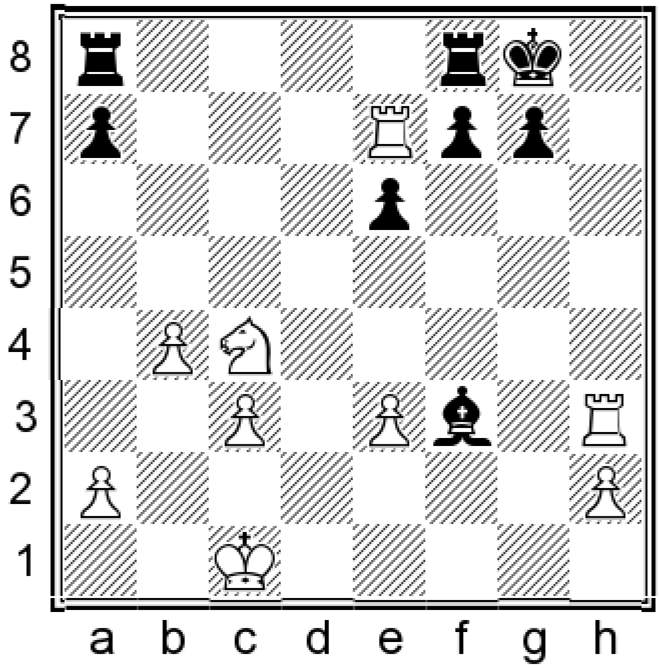
[18...♕h5 was the only move and it would have led to a pretty repetition: 19.♖dg1 g6 20.♘e6 ♘e5! Again, the only move. 21.♘e5 ♗e6 22.♖g5 ♗g5 23.♖g5 ♕h3 24.♖g3 ♕h5 25.♖g5 with a draw.]

19.♕h4 ♗h4 20.♖h3 ♗g5



21.♖g1? Going for the draw. I am sure Smerdon would have continued playing against any other opponent, as White is winning now. Perhaps White’s problem here is that there are many tempting lines which are not so easy to calculate.

[21.♗h7 ♔h8 22.♘f3 ♗e7 23.♗e4 ♔g8 24.♗b7! I believe this is the simplest and most straightforward way. 24...♗b7 25.♖d7 ♗f3 26.♖e7



26...♗e2 (26...♗d5 27.♘e5 ♗a2 28.♔b2 ♗d5 29.c4+–) 27.♖h4 with a clear pawn up and a winning position.]

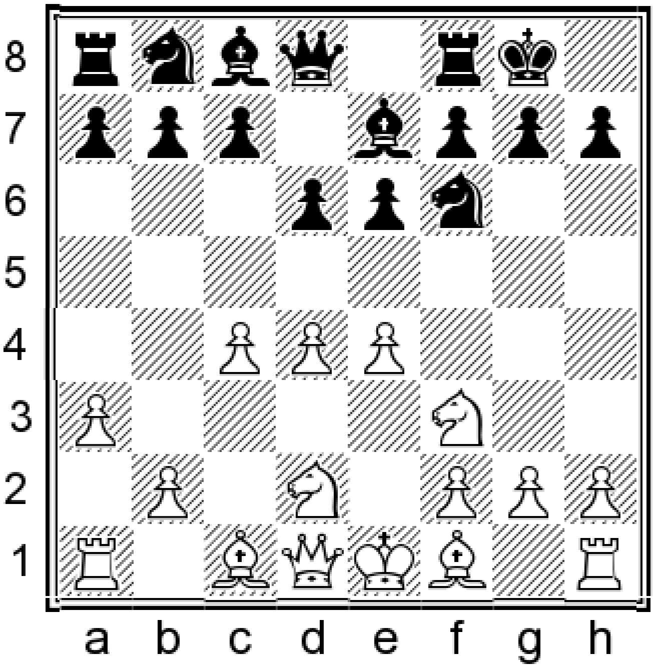
21...h6 22.♖g5 hg5 23.♗h7 ♔h8 24.♗d3 ♔g8 25.♗h7 ♔h8 26.♗d3
1/2 : 1/2 Colovic

Carlsen seriously risked losing in this game and probably it was only his reputation that saved him!

The next day Carlsen was White against GM Winants from Belgium. Luc Winants played a couple of super-tournaments in Brussels in the late 1980s and he famously drew with Karpov and beat Larsen in the 1987 edition, when he was only rated 2415. The difference in the ratings between him and Carlsen was more or less the same as in 1987 between him and Karpov, but the result was different this time.

E11
Carlsen 2857 – Winants 2558
Round 5, Baku Olympiad 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♗b4 4.♘bd2 0-0 5.a3 ♗e7 6.e4 d6



This variation has become popular lately, even Carlsen has played it a couple of times (in blitz games).

7.♗e2
[7.♗d3 c5 8.d5 ♘bd7 Vachier-Lagrave 2789 – Carlsen 2855, Leuven (blitz) 2016]

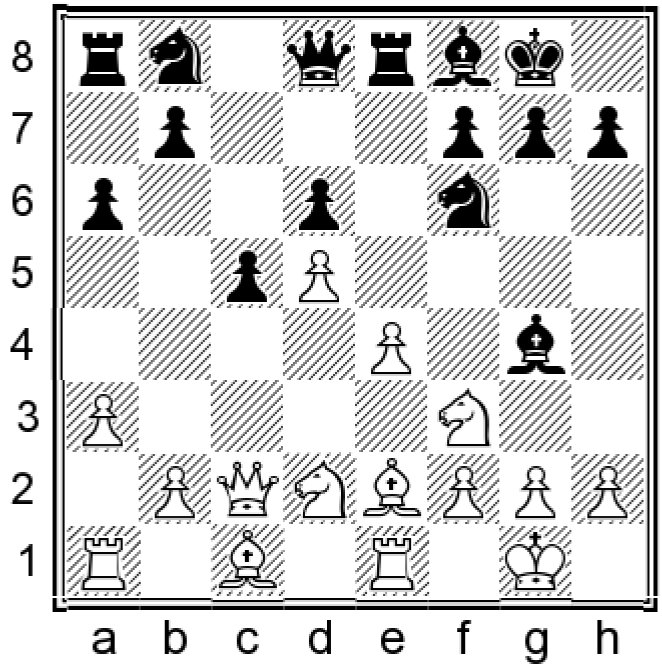
7...c5
[7...♘bd7 8.♕c2 e5 9.♘b1 c5 Grischuk 2754 – Carlsen 2857, Internet 2016]

8.d5
[RR 8.b3 Wojtaszek 2744 – Jobava 2727, Wijk aan Zee 2015 – 123/171]

8...ed5?! This appears premature, as in the ensuing Benoni-type of position Black has to spend a lot of time on redeployment of the ♗e7 to g7.
[8...♘bd7]

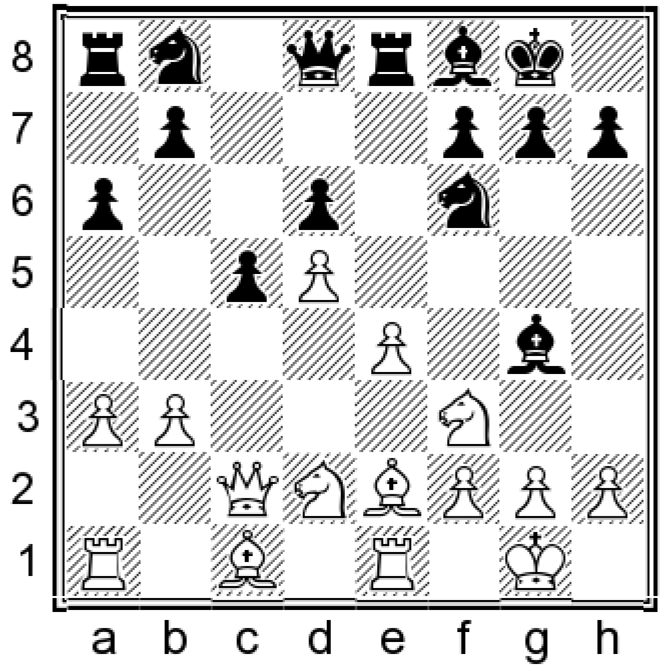
9.cd5 ♖e8 10.0-0 ♗f8 11.♖e1 a6N
Now Black threatens to take on e4.
[11...♘e4? 12.♗b5; RR 11...♗g4 Anton Guijarro 2641 – Yuffa 2502, Moscow 2016]

12.♕c2 ♗g4



This is usually a good idea in the Benoni as it gets rid of the ♗c8, the piece that has most problems finding work in the Benoni structure. The position is curious because even though Black will need to spend time on ...g6 and ...♗g7, White isn't ideally placed either.

13.b3!?

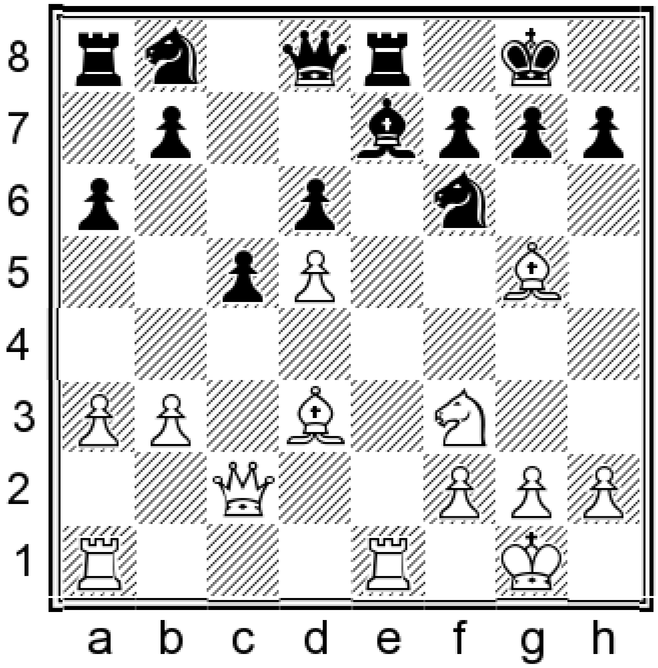


White prepares to oppose any ♗g7 in the future. This is also a useful move against a possible ...b7-b5 as White can then attack the queenside by a4. That's the strategy, but tactically this move is also sound, as taking the pawn is dangerous for Black.

[13.♗d3 was a more direct approach: 13...♘bd7 14.h3 ♗f3 15.♘f3 g6 16.♗f4 b5 17.b3±]

13...♘bd7

[13...♗f3 14.♘f3 ♘e4 (14...♖e4 15.♗g5 ♖e8 16.♗d3 ♗e7 transposes to 14...♘e4) 15.♗d3 ♘f6 16.♗g5 ♗e7



A) 17.♗f6 is an alternative: 17...♗f6 18.♖e8 ♕e8 19.♗h7 ♔f8 20.♖e1 ♕d8 21.♗f5 b5 22.h4 ♖a7□ (22...♗h4? 23.♘h4 ♕h4 24.♕e2+–) 23.g4 and White is pressing.

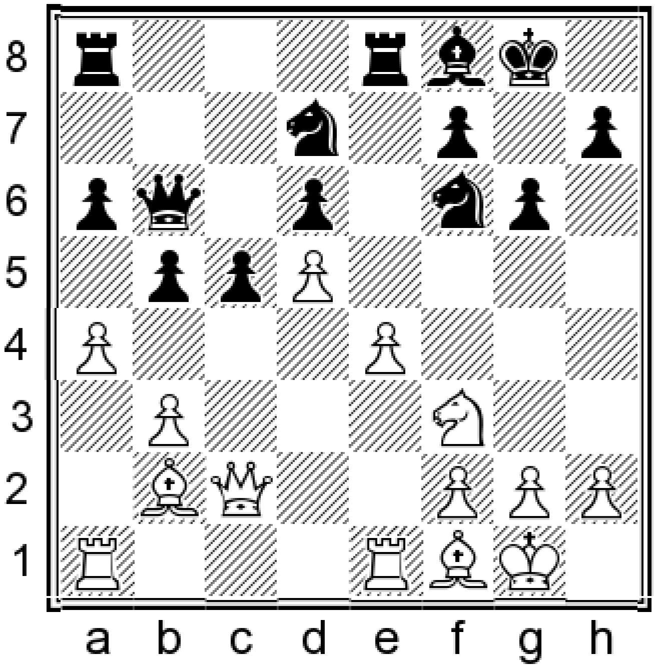
B) 17.♖e2 h6 18.♖ae1! ♘bd7□ (18...hg5? 19.♘g5 ♘bd7 20.♗h7 ♔f8 21.♗g6! is a beautiful line demonstrating White's attacking possibilities 21...♘e5 22.♗f7!) 19.♗h4 with good compensation.]

14.♗b2 b5 15.a4!
Here is the attack I mentioned in the comments to 13.b3!?.

15...♕b6 16.♗f1
[16.♕d3, hitting b5, is the computer's preference. Carlsen used this idea eight moves later: 16...♖ab8 17.ab5 ab5 18.h3 ♗f3 19.♕f3 ♘e5 20.♕g3 g6 21.f4 ♘ed7 22.♗f3 ♖a8 with complex play as White still isn't prepared to push either e5 or f5.]

16...♗f3 Sooner or later this was forced.

17.♘f3 g6

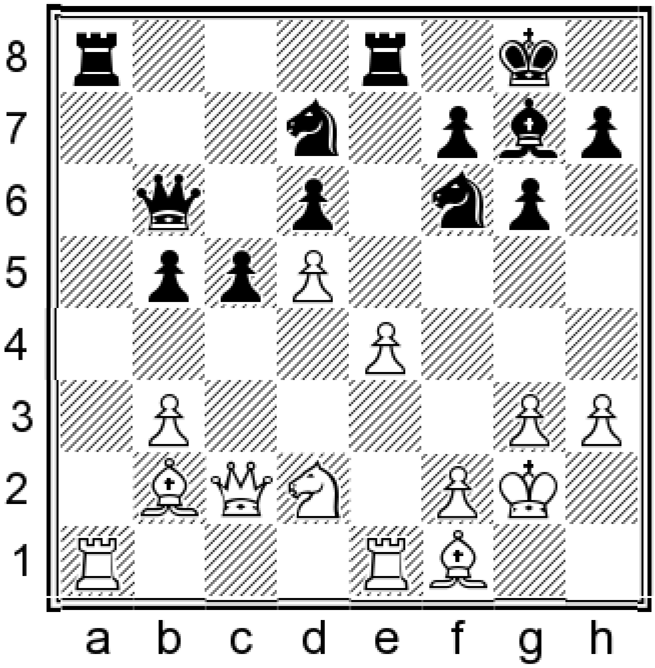


Luc Winants. Photo by David Llada

18.g3 This and the next two moves are characteristic. Carlsen slowly improves his position and waits to see if his opponent will provide him with a target.

18...♗g7 19.♔g2 ♖ac8 20.h3 ♖b8 21.ab5 ab5 22.♘d2 Okay, so Black didn't provide a target and now White starts to prepare f4 with the eventual idea of pushing e4-e5.

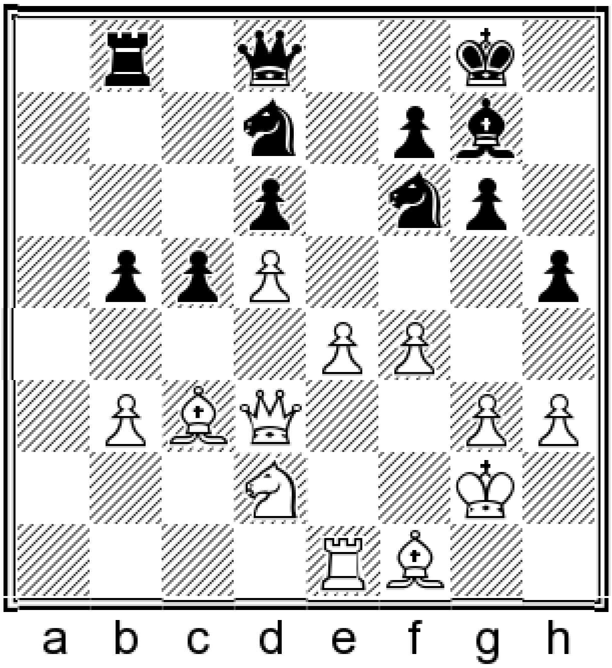
22...♖a8



23.♗c3! A nice prophylactic move – Black was threatening to take on a1 and then on e4.
[After 23.f4? ♖a1 24.♖a1 (24.♗a1 ♘d5) 24...♘e4! 25.♘e4 ♗b2 26.♕b2 ♖e4 White is a pawn down, fighting for a draw.]

23...h5 24.♕d3 ♖a1 25.♗a1 ♖b8 26.♗c3 ♕d8 27.f4

White's queenside is safe and controlled, so now he starts to expand in the centre.

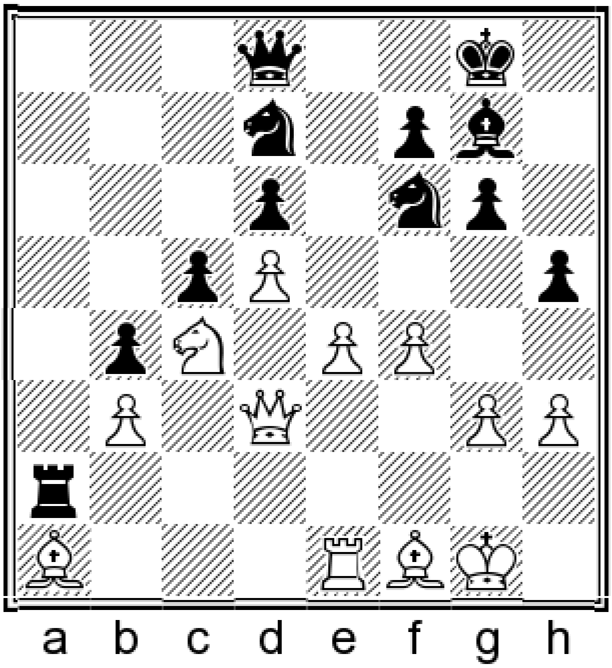


27...♘b6?! This weakens e5, but the alternative move is difficult to make.

[27...b4 is the computer's idea but it's obvious why a human would be reluctant to yield the c4 square to White's knight.

A) 28.♗f6 ♕f6 29.♘c4 ♖a8 30.♔h1 (30.e5? de5 31.fe5 ♖a2 and Black wins the e5-pawn.) 30...♖a2 with counterplay.

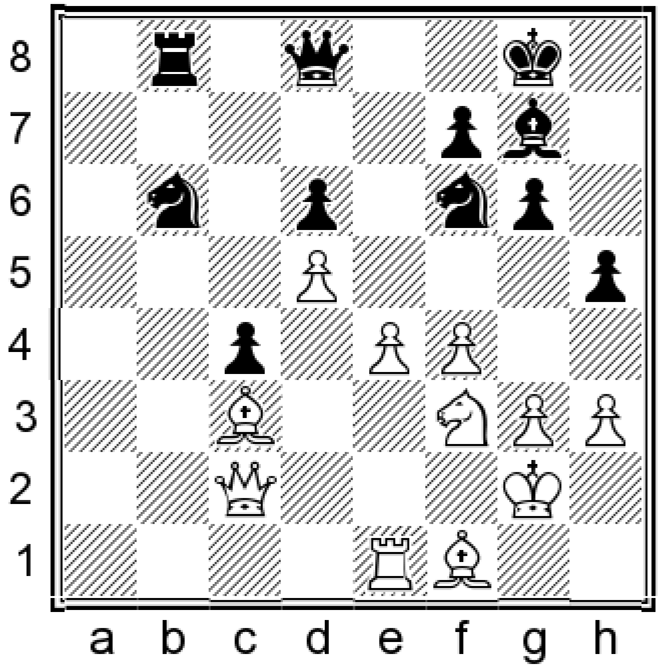
B) 28.♗a1 ♖a8 29.♘c4 ♖a2 30.♔g1 (30.♔h1? ♘e4!)



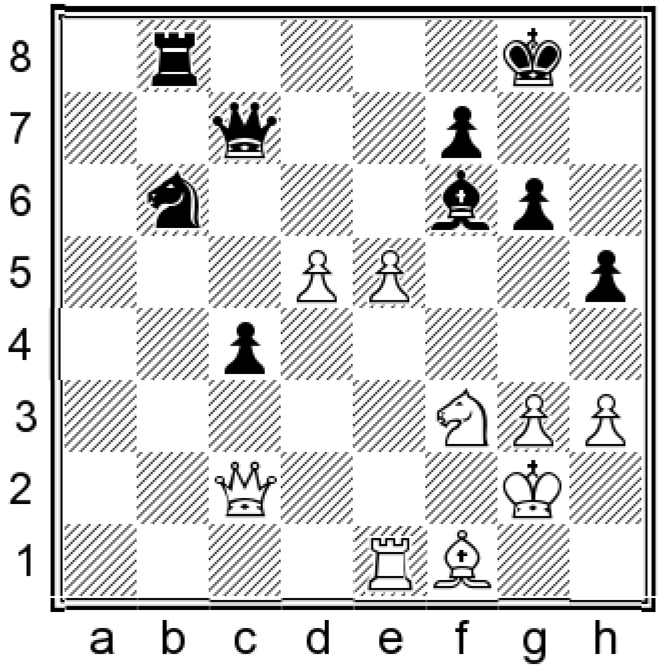
30...♘b6! This is always a key move to have when White has established a knight on c4. 31.♗f6 ♗f6 32.e5 ♘c4 33.♕c4 ♗g7 and Black is fine.]

28.♘f3 White simply prepares to play e4-e5, whereas Black's counterplay based on c4 is ineffective.

28...c4 29.bc4 bc4 30.♕c2



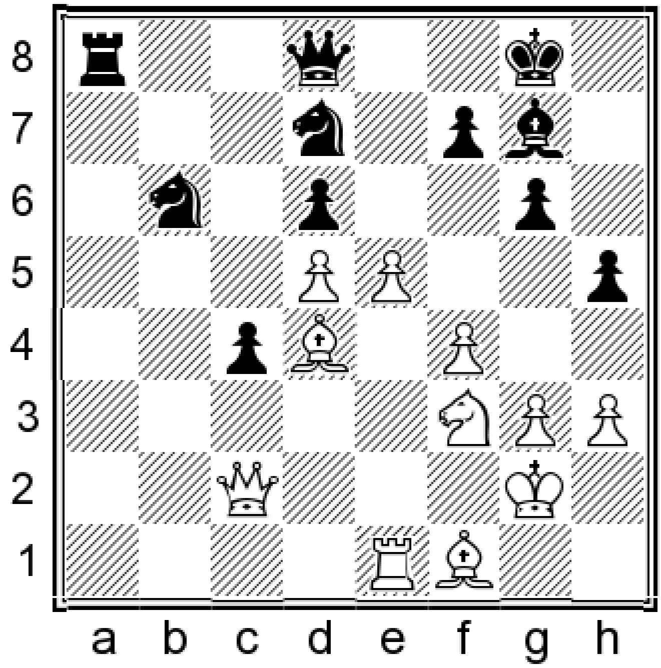
30...♖a8?!
[30...♕c7 was better: 31.♗f6 ♗f6 32.e5 de5 33.fe5



33...♘d5 (33...♗g7 34.d6 ♕c6 35.e6! and White crashes through.) If the only move he can make means giving away a piece then Black's position wasn't one to envy. 34.ef6 c3 35.♕e4 ♖b2 36.♔h1 ♘f6 37.♕e5 ♕e5 38.♘e5 should be winning for White, even though not without technical difficulties.]

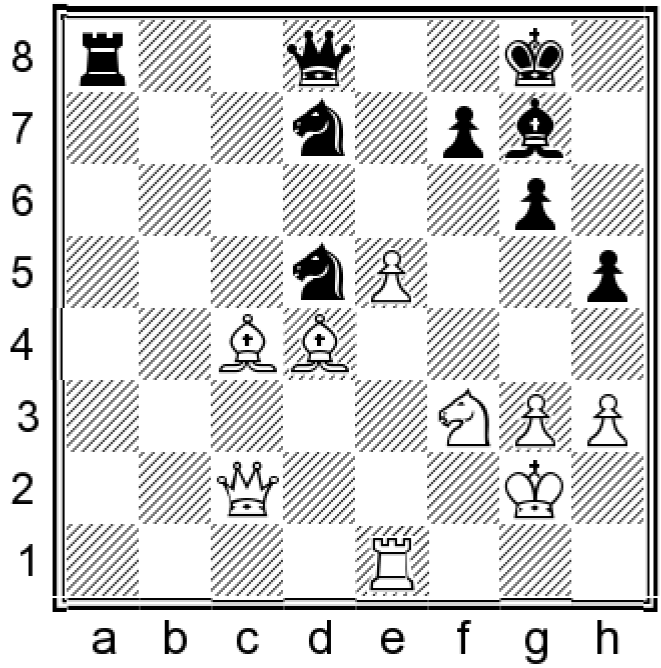
31.♗d4 The drawback of c4 is that it always leaves d4 available for White's pieces.

31...♘fd7 32.e5



Looks crushing, but Black’s position is more resilient than what he may have thought.

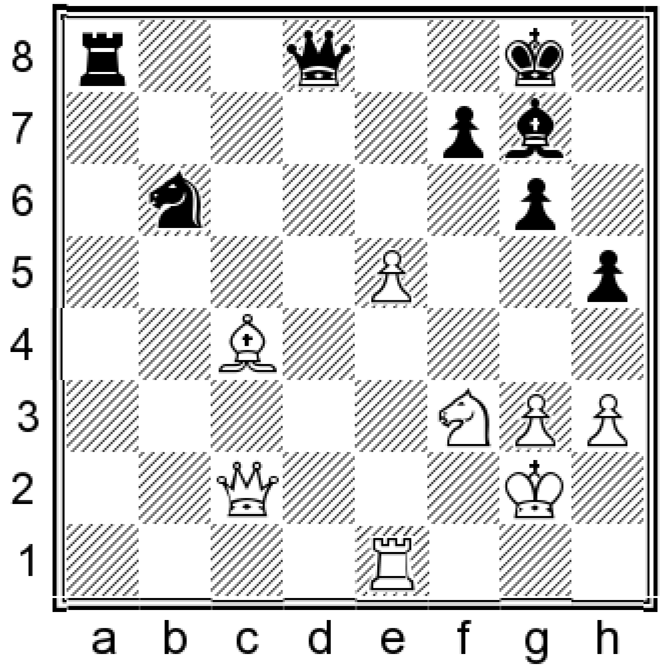
32...de5 33.fe5 ♘d5 34.♗c4



The dormant bishop enters the game with great effect.

34...♘7b6? The final mistake
[34...♘f8 was the only move to prolong the battle: 35.♗c5 ♖c8 36.♗f8 ♗f8! (36...♕f8? 37.♕d3 ♘b4 38.♕b3+– with a view to e5-e6; 36...♔f8 37.♕a2 ♖a8 38.♕d2 ♘e7 39.♕f4 ♕e8 40.g4±) 37.e6 ♔g7 38.ef7 ♕b6 39.♘e5 h4! complicating things for White.]

35.♗b6 ♘b6



36.e6
[36.♗b3, threatening ♕g6, is also winning: 36...♘d5 37.e6]

36...♘c4 37.ef7 ♔f7
[37...♔h7 38.♕c4]

38.♕c4 ♔f8 39.♖f1
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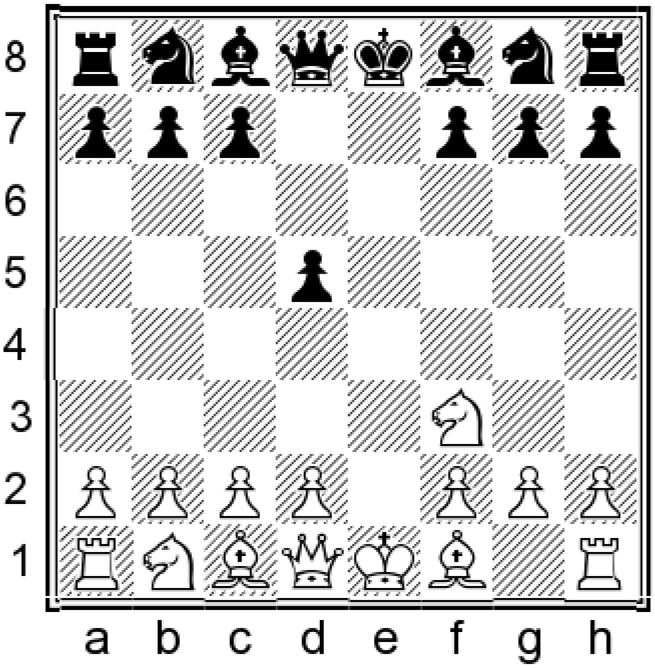
A typical game when there is a difference in class. Black played pretty well and on equal terms for the most part of the game, but when the tension increased, around move 27 and afterwards, the ability to consistently make moves of good quality under pressure showed – Carlsen had no problem with this, whereas the standard of Winants' moves dropped. He made two imprecisions on move 27 and 30 and then the final mistake on move 34. Still, not the easy victory for Carlsen you would expect when you see him rated 300 points higher than his opponent!

The next day Carlsen was White again, this time against GM Julio Sadorra from the Philippines. Sadorra plays the French against 1.e4 so Carlsen was able to prepare thoroughly: after 3.♘c3 Sadorra has recently played 3...♘f6, while against 3.♘d2 he has played 3...♗e7. A very good situation for targeted preparation, but instead of taking his opponent down some well-prepared lines, look what Carlsen did.

C01
Carlsen 2857 – Sadorra 2560
Round 6, Baku Olympiad 2016

1.e4 e6 2.♘f3 The first sign that White will not do things normally in this game.
[2.d4 d5 3.ed5]

2...d5 3.ed5 ed5



4.d4 Sometimes I get the feeling that Carlsen doesn’t feel like preparing and just plays some random stuff he has looked up before the game. Playing the Exchange Variation against a life-long French player usually brings nothing, but maybe Carlsen browsed through some old Kasparov games and was inspired by his success with the Exchange French in 1991?

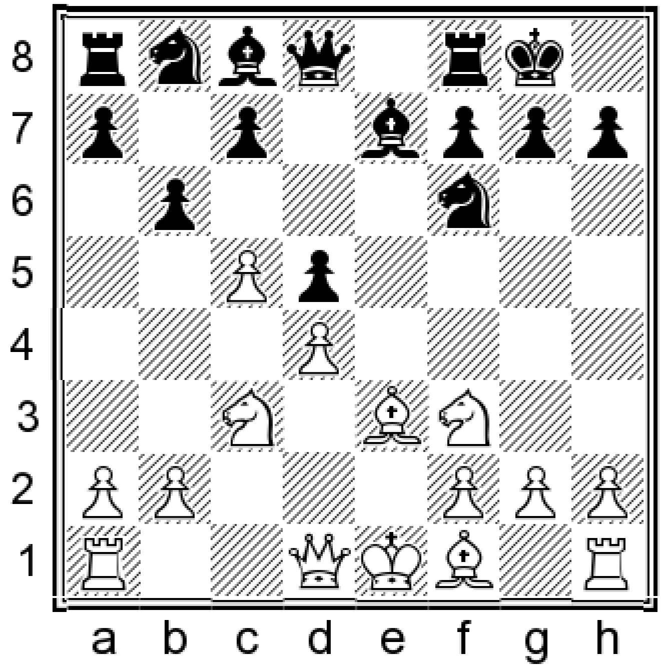
4...♗d6 5.c4 ♘f6 6.c5

[6.♘c3 is the main move here, but while browsing through even older games perhaps Carlsen was inspired to improve on Tartakower’s game against Botvinnik from 1946!?]

6...♗e7 7.♘c3

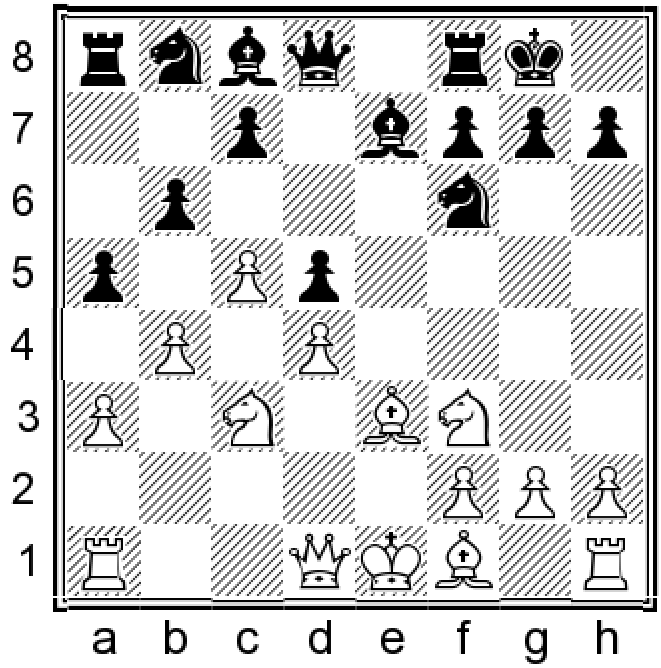
[Tartakower didn’t try to hold the centre and went on to lose a classic game: 7.♗d3 b6 8.cb6 ab6 9.0-0 0-0 10.♘c3 ♗g4 Tartakower – Botvinnik, Groningen 1946]

7...0-0 8.♗e3 b6



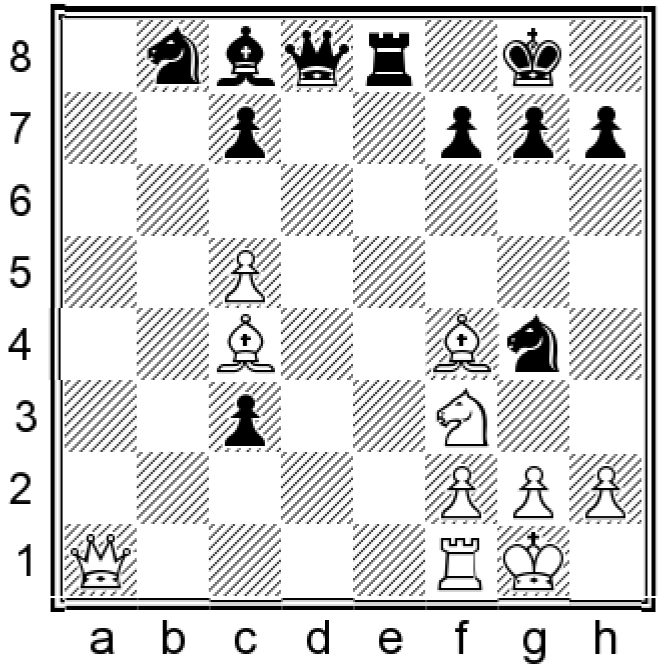
9.b4 To my surprise, I discovered that this was played by Tal in 2009!
[9.♗e2 has been played in quite a lot of computer games.]

9...a5 10.a3



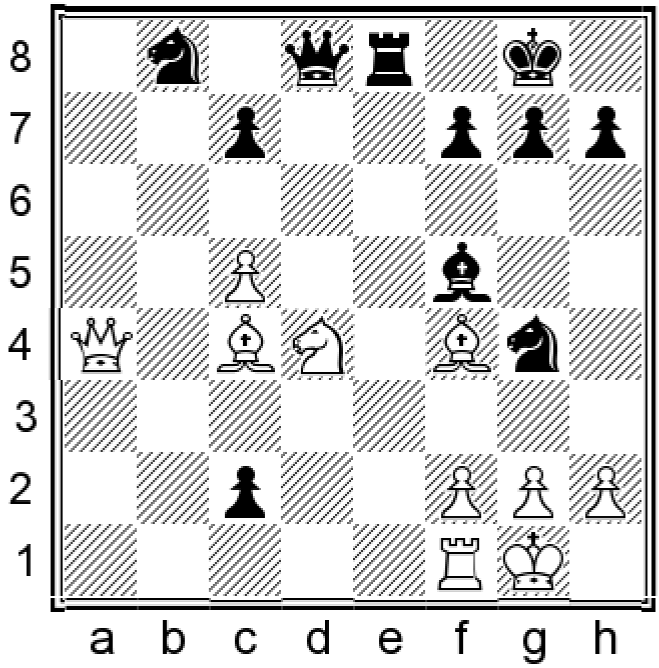
10...♘g4 This commences a forced line that aims to simplify the position and destroy White’s bind in the centre.
[10...♘e4 was played in the Tal game – not famous world champion Mikhail (!) – but Eyal Tal against Song, played in an Under–16 European Championship. E. Tal 2028 – Ju. Song 2319, Fermo 2009]

11.♗f4 ♖e8 12.♗e2 ab4 13.ab4 ♖a1 14.♕a1 bc5 15.bc5 ♗c5 16.dc5 d4 17.0-0 dc3 18.♗c4



18...c2 This was Black's idea, the pawn on c2 will be supported by ...♗f5 and White's bishops will not influence the game as White will have to lose time capturing the pawn on c2 in order to establish material equality.

19.♕a4 ♗f5 20.♘d4



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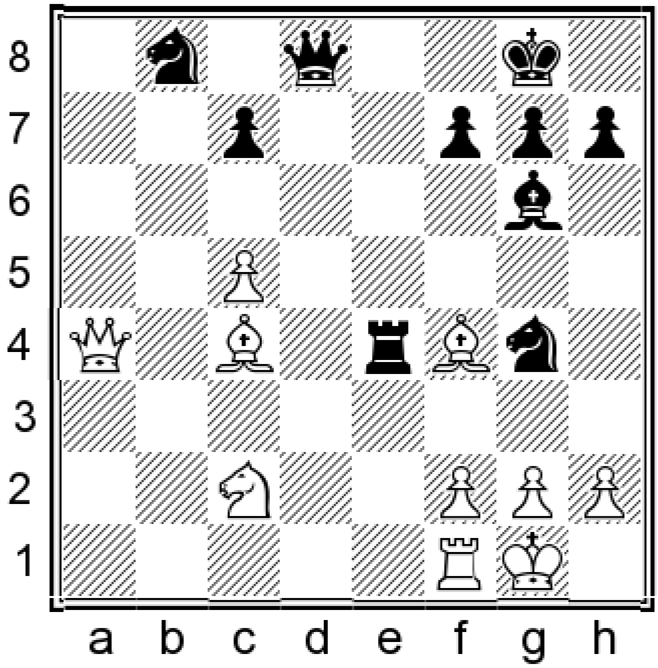
20...♗g6? A blunder, but even more surprising is that Carlsen didn't exploit it, making it a mutual blunder! [20...♗e4 21.♘c2 ♘e5 22.♗b3 ♗c6 23.♕d4 ♕f6, with the idea of ...♘a6 and ...♘d7, attacking c5 with a very solid position for Black.]

21.♘c2? Most probably this was played automatically. [Correct was 21.♗c7! ♕c8 (21...♕d7 22.♕d7 ♘d7

23.♗b5 ♘gf6 24.c6 ♘c5 25.♗b6 wins for White.) 22.♗d6 ♖d8 (22...♘f6 23.c6+–) 23.♖c1 picking up c2 at leisure and getting a winning position.]

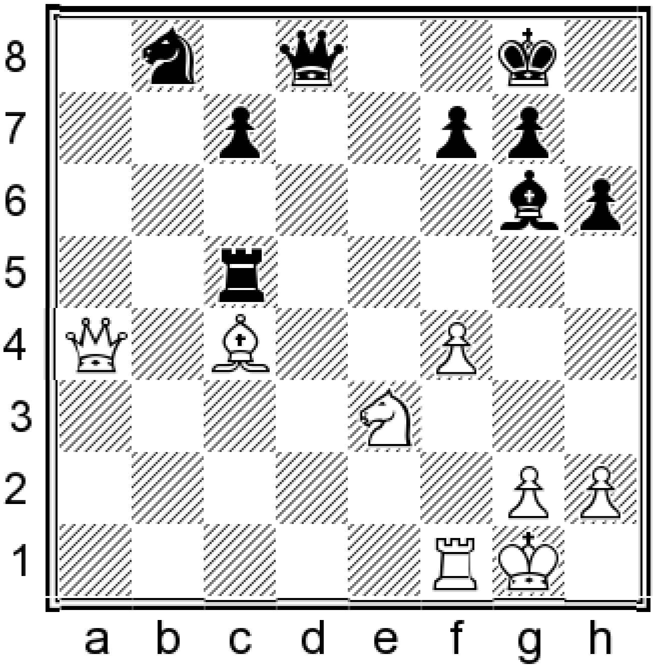
21...♖e4 Now Black is fine.



22.♗g3 White decides to sacrifice the pawn on c5 in order to continue to play for a win. White gets compensation for the pawn, but it is vague and in such cases very creative play is required to keep this compensation alive. [22.♖e1 ♖e1 23.♘e1 ♘d7=]

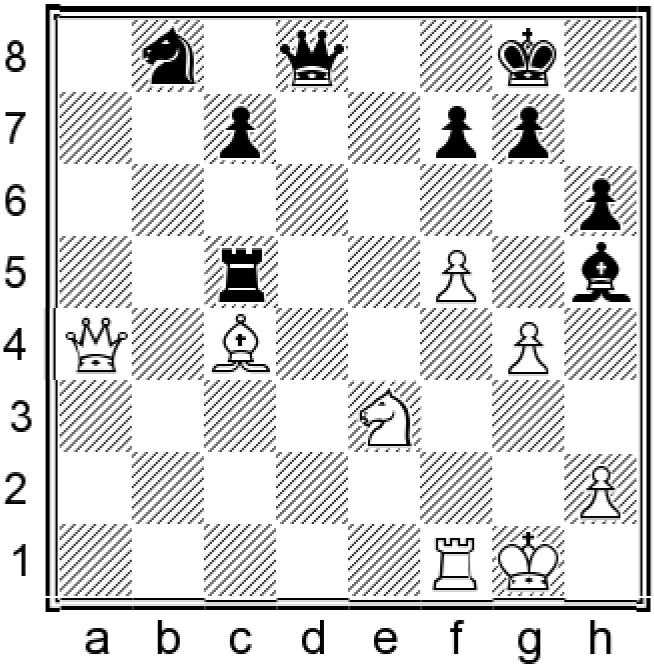
22...♘e5 23.♗e5 ♖e5 24.♘e3 ♖c5 25.f4
[25.♖d1 ♕f8 26.♕a7 ♘c6 27.♕c7 is an immediate draw.]

25...h6

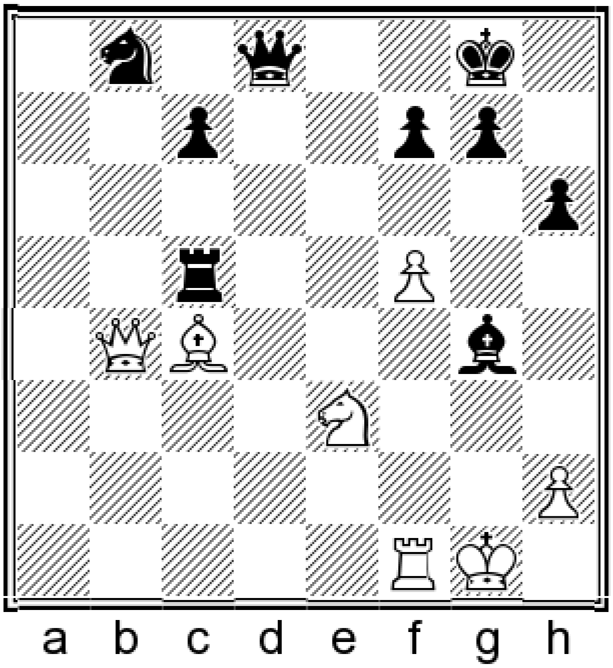


26.♕b4?! The first imprecision.

[26.f5 was critical: 26...♗h5 (26...♗h7? 27.♖d1± as Black plays without a bishop 27...♕e7 28.♘d5 ♕e5 29.♕a8 ♗f5 30.♕b8 ♔h7 31.♕b4) 27.g4



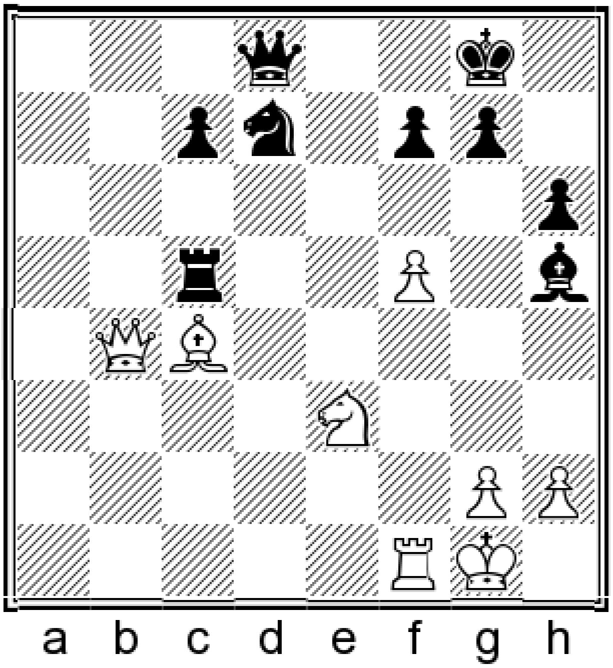
27...♗g4 (27...♘d7!? 28.♖f4 ♖e5 29.♘f1 ♗g4 30.♖g4 ♘b6 31.♕c6 ♘c4 32.♕c4 ♖f5 and Black shouldn’t lose this.) 28.♕b4



Perhaps this is the position Carlsen wanted to obtain, so he started with ♕b4 first? But even this is nothing special for White: 28...♘d7 29.♘g4 ♕g5 30.♗e2 ♖f5 (30...h5 31.♕d4) and again Black is safe with three pawns for the piece.

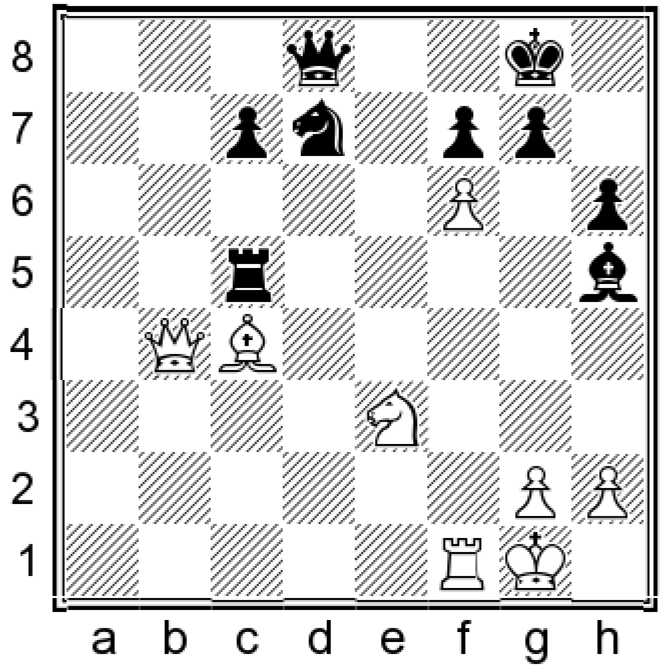
26.g4!? This also looks very risky, but once White sacrificed the pawn there were no longer safe ways for him: 26...♕e7 (26...♘c6 27.f5 ♗h7 28.♗d5 ♘e5 29.♖d1 ♕f8 is unclear.) 27.♕b3 ♘c6 28.f5 ♗h7 29.♖a1 ♘a5 30.♖a5 ♖a5 31.♕b8 ♕f8 32.♗f7 ♔f7 33.♕b3 ♔e8 34.♕b8 ♔f7 with perpetual check.]

26...♘d7 27.f5 ♗h5



28.♕d2? After this White loses the initiative and is simply a pawn down.

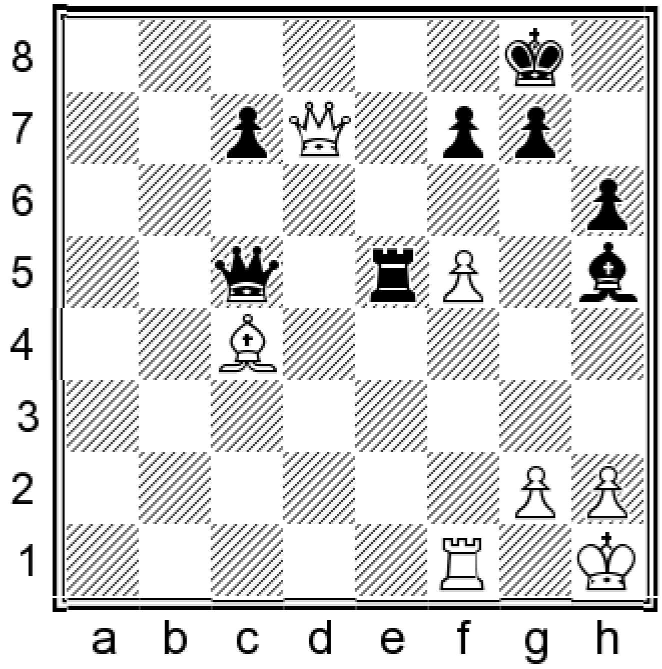
[28.g4 was best, but the lines look a bit scary for White as his king becomes exposed and he loses his pawns on the kingside. 28...♗g4 (28...♕g5 29.♖f4; 28...♖e5 29.♖f3 ♕g5 30.♕c3 ♗g4 31.♖g3 h5 32.h3 ♕f4 33.♘g2 ♕f5 34.hg4 hg4 35.♗d3 should be around equal.) 29.♘g4 ♕g5 transposes to 26. f5, with a likely draw. 28.f6



...can be met by 28...♕b8 or 28...gf6 29.♘d5 ♕f8 30.♖f5 ♕d6 31.♖h5 ♖d5 32.♕d6 ♖d6 33.♖h6 ♘e5∓]

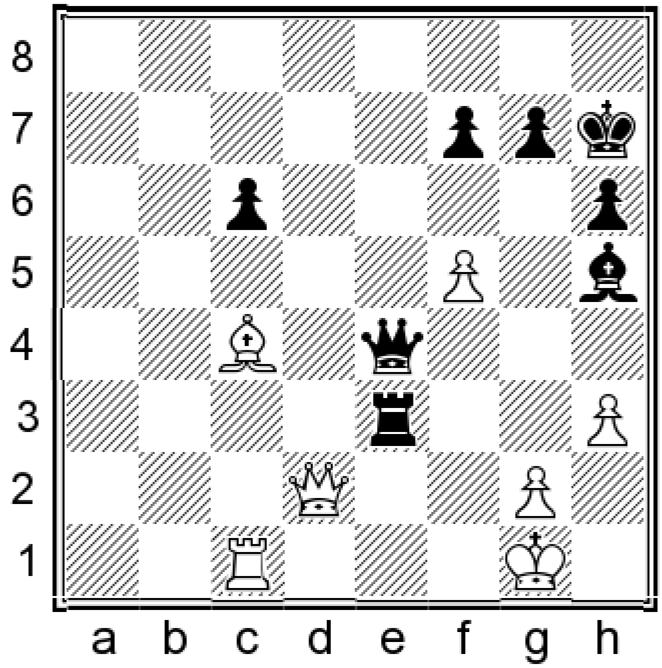
28...♕g5 29.♕d4 ♖e5 30.♕d7
[30.♘d5 ♗e2 31.♗e2 ♖e2 32.♘f4 ♖e7∓]

30...♕e3 31.♔h1 ♕c5



This must be technically lost for White, but surprisingly Black didn’t even try to push the c-pawn and play for a win. As in the game with Smerdon, Carlsen was saved by his reputation.

32.♕d3 ♖e3 33.♕c2 ♕e5 34.♕d2 ♔h7 35.h3 ♕e4 36.♔g1 c6 37.♖c1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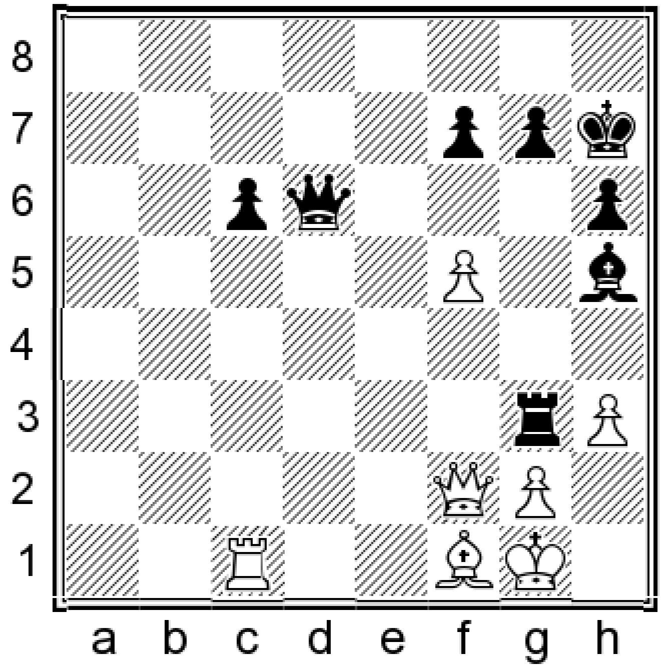
37...♕e5?
[Best is 37...f6, intending ♗e8-d7, hitting the f5 pawn.]

38.♗f1 Now Black has problems defending the pawn on c6.

38...♖g3 39.♕f2!
[39.♖c6 ♕f5 and the suffering for White continues.]

39...♕d6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40.♖c4 The pawn on c6 won’t escape.
[40.♖c6]

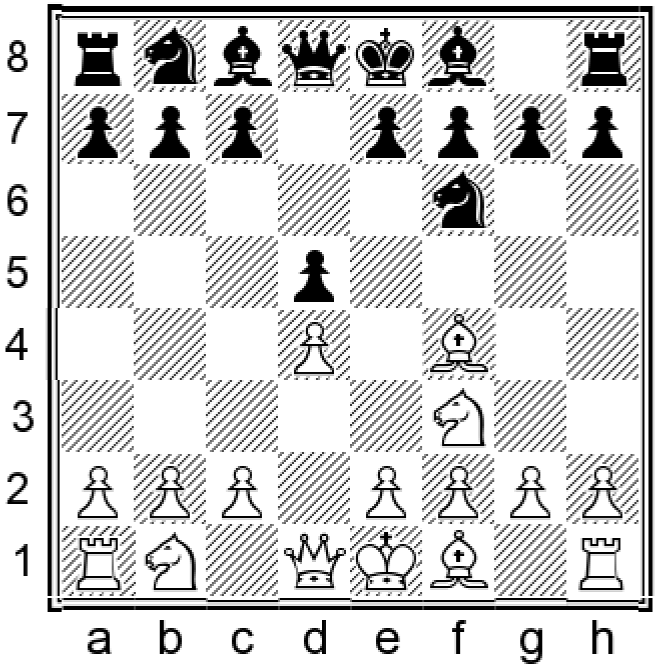
40...f6 41.♖c6 ♕c6

1/2 : 1/2 Colovic

Again not a game you would expect from the World Champion, missing a simple winning tactic and then misplaying the position and ending a clear pawn down with a lost position.
After this game Carlsen picked up the pace and beat Grandmasters Solak and Cordova before drawing with Caruana. In Round 10 he was again paired against a “mortal”.

D02
Carlsen 2857 – Ghaem Maghami 2566
Round 10, Baku Olympiad 2016

1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♗f4

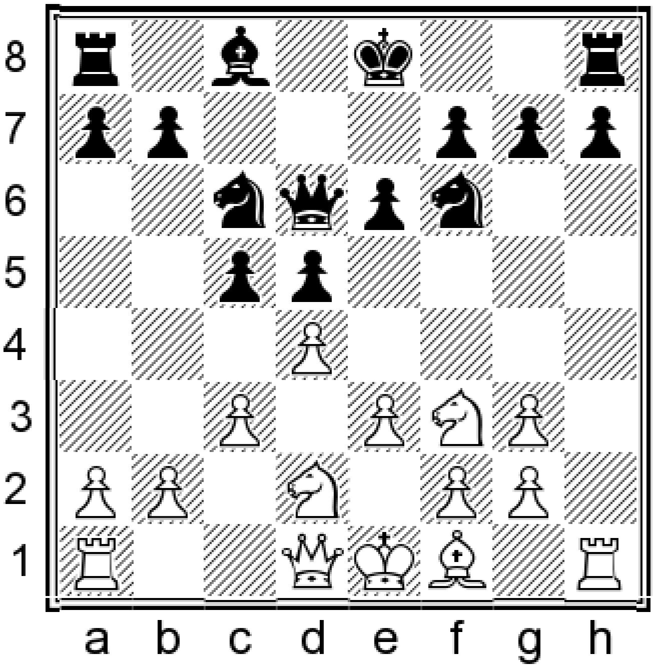


This, together with 2.♗f4, has become popular lately, although I have never understood why. From White’s perspective it doesn’t seem practical to prepare against many possible set-ups for Black, all of which are good. White’s idea is to “get a game” but Black has really easy play in these lines. Yet it is amazing how Carlsen manages to create problems in the simplest positions.

3...e6 One of the many options for Black.

4.e3 ♗d6 5.♗g3 c5 6.c3 ♘c6 7.♘bd2 ♗g3
This is probably imprecise.
[7...0-0 is the main move here, as played by Nakamura on several occasions. RR Kamsky 2678 – Nakamura 2787, USA (ch) 2016 – 128/133]

8.hg3 ♕d6

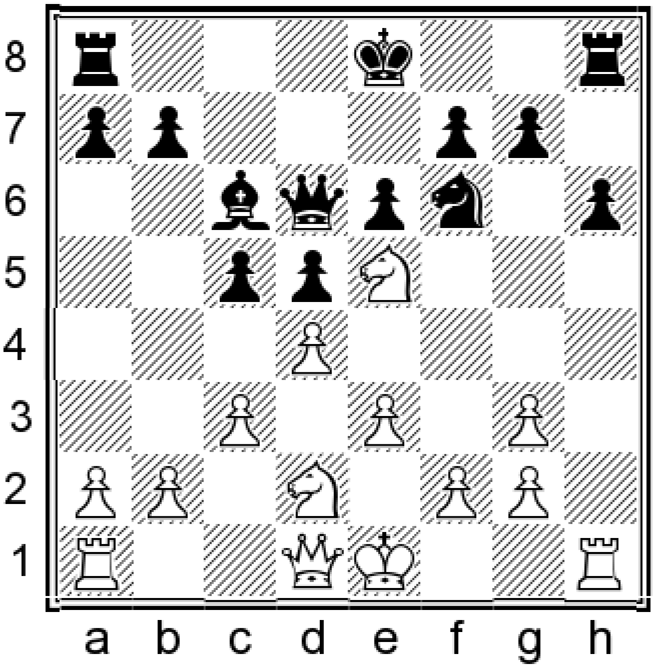


Ehsan Ghaem Maghami. Photo by Andreas Kontokanis

9.♗b5! The main idea for White in the whole system is control of the e5-square.

9...♗d7 10.♗c6 ♗c6 11.♘e5
White has achieved his aim at the cost of exchanging both his bishops. Still, with all the pawns on the board and the only remaining bishop being the bad one on c6, White's strategy appears successful.

11...♕c7 This looks vague to me, but it's not easy to suggest something useful. In an apparently simple position Black has apparently no problems to solve.
[Black cannot easily get rid of the ♘e5, for example 11...♘d7 12.♘df3 (12.f4 was played by Kamsky.) 12...f6? (12...h6 13.♘d7 ♗d7 14.♘e5 leaves White with good knight versus a bad bishop.) 13.♘g6;
11...♕e7 12.g4 ♘d7 13.♘df3 and Black is still hassled by the ♘e5;
11...h6!?



This waiting move seems best – it covers g5 and waits to see what piece White will put on f3 – if he puts the knight then comes ♘e4 and if he puts the queen then Black plays ...♕e7 followed by ...♘d7. 12.♕f3 (12.♘df3 ♘e4) 12...♕e7 13.♕f4 (13.g4 ♘d7) 13...♘d7 and Black is a tempo up compared to the game.]

12.♕f3 h6 13.♕f4

[Δ dc5]

13...♕e7N

[RR 13...b6 At. Kiss – J. Ha. Nielsen, corr. 2002]

14.g4! With a view to g4-g5.

14...♘h7

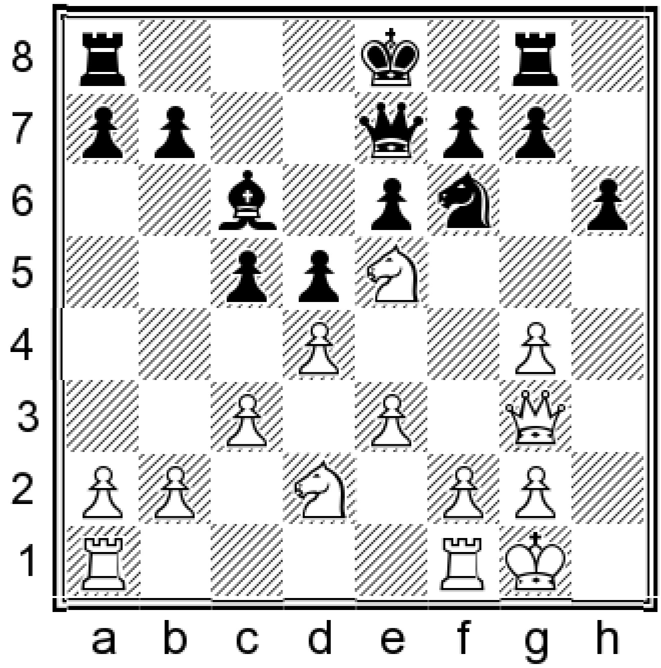
[14...♘d7 15.♘d7 ♗d7 16.g5↑]

15.♕g3

[15.dc5 looks good too, but it does change the character of the position as now White has to worry about his extra pawn. 15...0-0 16.♕d4 (16.b4 a5) 16...♖fc8 17.f4 ♗e8 18.♘d3]

15...♖g8 This eliminates the threats along the h-file but now Black's king cannot hide on the kingside.

16.0-0 There was no longer any need for a rook on h1.
16...♘f6



17.♖ac1! Since Black's king will either remain in the centre or will go to the queenside, it is logical to prepare the opening of the position with c2-c4.

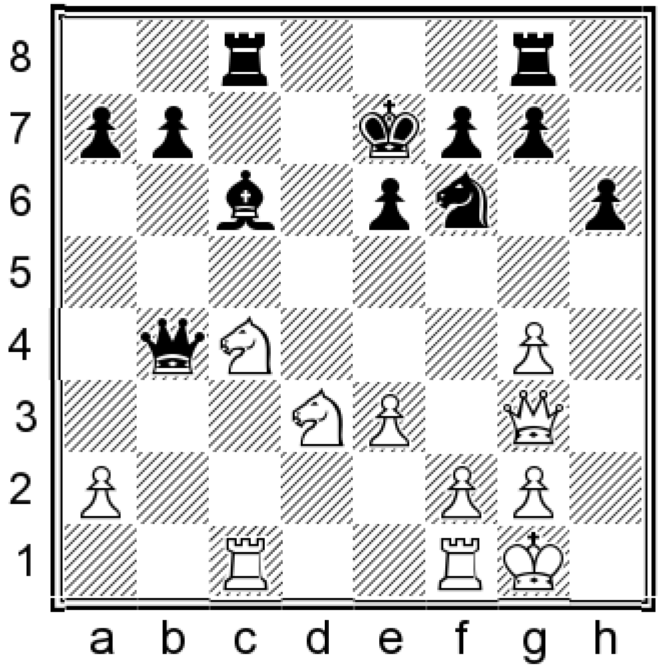
17...♖c8 So the king will stay in the centre
[17...♘d7 18.♘d7 ♗d7 19.c4!]

18.c4± It is already very difficult to suggest something for Black, and from a practical perspective he is just lost.

18...dc4 19.dc5 ♕c5 20.♘dc4 The white knights control e5 and also exert pressure on the f7 square.

20...♔e7 21.b4! Playing on domination, the ♕c5 is short of squares.
[21.♘f7 was also possible: 21...♘e4 22.♕f4 g5 23.♕h2]

21...♕b4 22.♘d3



22...♘e4 This loses a piece, but Black's position is lost anyway.
[22...♕b5 23.♕d6 ♔e8 24.♕a3 ♖d8 25.♘d6 ♖d6 26.♕d6 ♕d5 27.♕d5 ♘d5 28.♘e5+–]

23.♘b4 ♘g3 24.fg3 ♗b5 25.♖f7! ♔f7 26.♘d6 ♔e7 27.♘c8 ♔d7 28.♘a7 ♗a4 29.♘d3
1 : 0 Colovic

A very clean game by Carlsen, reminiscent of Capablanca's style. All his moves were natural and simple, the ideas behind them easy to understand, yet that didn't make them any less strong. From all the games analysed here this is the best one for me because Carlsen outplayed his opponent from a seemingly very simple position and he did it in a very low number of moves, while his opponent didn't make an obvious mistake.

To conclude, I cannot know the reasons why Carlsen was so unconvincing in half of his games against the "mortals". When he showed his real strength, the difference in class was obvious, and when he didn't, the mortals had their chance to "kill" the immortal. The fact that they didn't take it is perhaps the real reason why immortals are immortals.

Marco

LATIN AMERICANS AT THE BAKU OLYMPIAD

In this article I will write about the two most outstanding teams from Latin America in the 2016 Baku Olympiad and also about the performance of my team: Argentina.

The Olympiad is a tournament in which every player wants to participate: here there are grandmasters from all over the world, the possibility of representing your country and also of competing against great teams. It is difficult to find another tournament where it is possible for a player rated 2500 or 2600 Elo to face such names as Carlsen, Caruana, Kramnik etc.

THE 10TH PLACE OF PERÚ

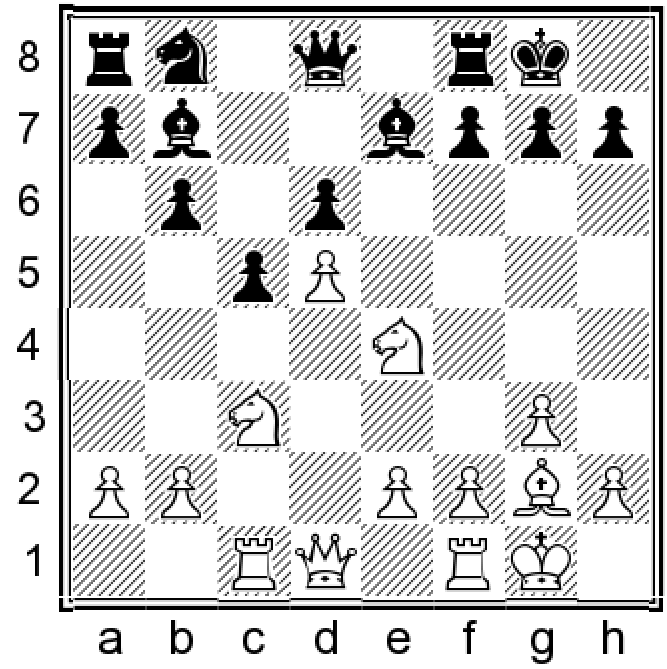
Of the Latin American teams, the most outstanding was Peru, which ended in 10th place. That meant the best result in Peru’s history in a Chess Olympiad. The Peruvian team suffered the absence of Julio Granda, who would undoubtedly have made it stronger with his presence, but that possibility does not mean that Peru would have had a better result than the one they achieved. It is not always the best team by ranking that has the best result, if this were always so then the competition would not make sense.

The team representing Perú consisted of Emilio Cordova, Jorge Cori, Cristhian Cruz, Deivy Vera and Fernando Fernández. The highlight of the Peruvian team was clearly Jorge Cori, who achieved a performance of 2810, which yielded him 26 Elo points. Emilio Cordova had a good tournament with a 2633 performance on the first board, which is always very difficult. In the case of Deivy Vera: he gained 8 Elo points, and Cristhian Cruz: although he lost 3 Elo points, he won a very important game against José Cubas from Paraguay.

As I mentioned before, it is not every day that a Latin American chess player has the opportunity of playing against someone from the top 10 in the world. That is why I would like to start with the match between Perú and Norway, from the eighth round, in which Emilio Cordova played a great game against the world champion, which represented a significant event for Latin American chess.

Carlsen 2857 – Cordova 2638
Round 8, Baku Olympiad 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♗b7 5.♗g2 ♗e7 6.0-0 0-0 7.♘c3 ♘e4 8.♗d2 ♗f6 9.♖c1 c5 10.d5 ed5 11.cd5 ♘d2 12.♘d2 d6 13.♘de4 ♗e7



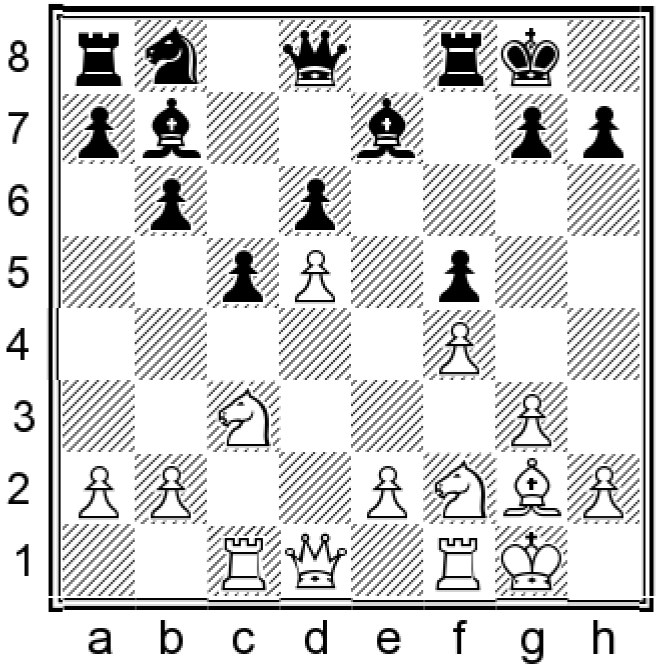
14.f4

Sandro Mareco

- **Country:** Argentina
- **Born:** 1987
- **Rating:** 2635
- **Peak rating:** 2635
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2010

An interesting position: White has given up his bishop pair and obtained a space advantage and a strong square for his knight on e4. Now Black has two main options: to allow the knight to remain on e4 (play might continue 14...♘d7 15.g4 as in the famous game Karpov 2725 – Salov 2660, Linares 1993 – 57/421), or, as in the game, to play 14...f5 expelling the knight but weakening e6 and allowing a future e2-e4, opening the centre and the king's flank.

14...f5 15.♘f2



Emilio Cordova. Photo by David Llada

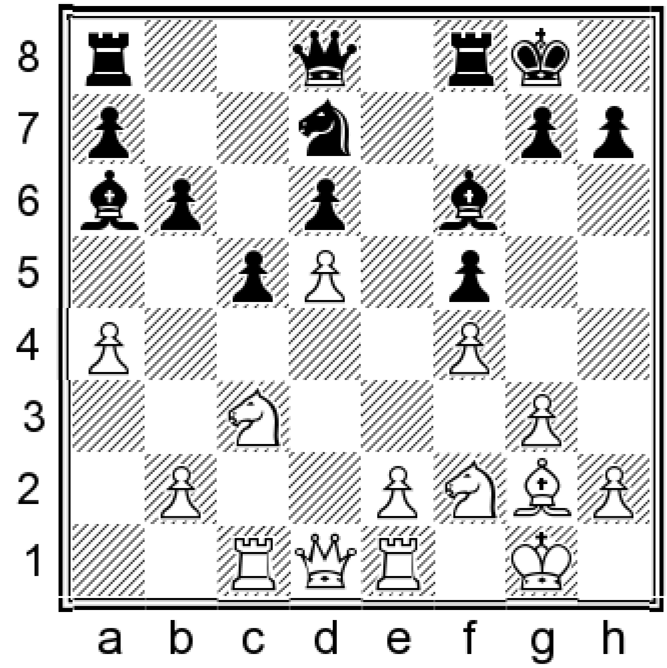
15...♗a6N

[Perhaps better is 15...♘a6 as from c7 this knight will cover e6 and b5, and also keep an eye on d5. Then 16.e4 (RR 16.♖e1 Malakhatko 2546 – B. Lutz 2292, Basel 2011) 16...fe4 17.♘fe4 ♘c7 18.♖e1∞]

16.a4

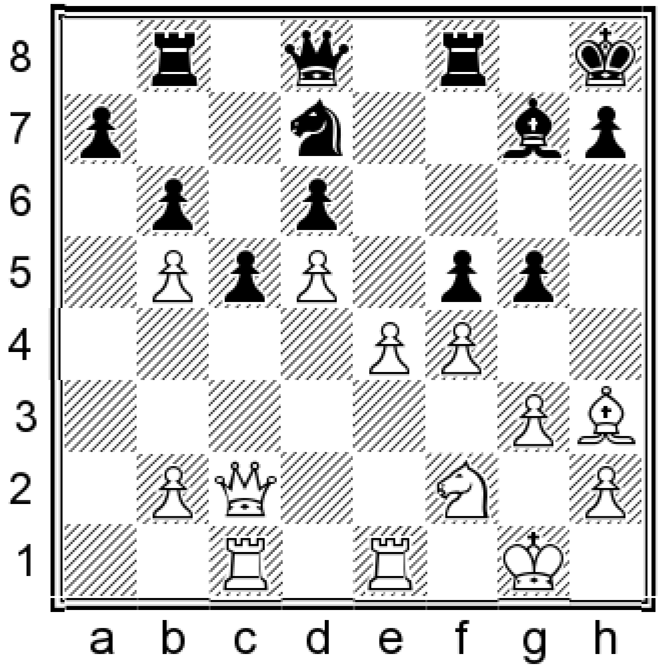
[16.♖e1 b5 17.e4 b4 18.♘b1±]

16...♗f6 17.♖e1 ♘d7



18.e3 A classic Carlsen move. He will eventually play e2-e4, but first keeps his options open.

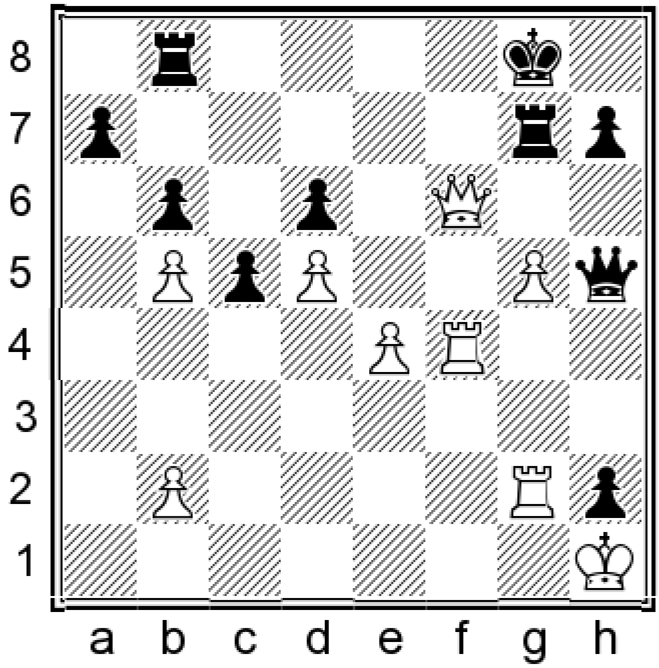
18...♖b8 19.♕c2 g6 20.♘b5 ♗b5 21.ab5 ♗g7 22.♗h3 ♔h8 23.e4 g5!
A good move that seeks activity on the dark squares.



24.fg5 Again Carlsen prefers to maintain the tension. Also possible was [24.♗f5 gf4 25.gf4 ♕h4! 26.♗d7 ♗d4 27.♗f5 ♖f5 28.ef5 ♗f2 29.♕f2 ♖g8 30.♔f1 ♕h3 31.♔e2 ♖g2∞]

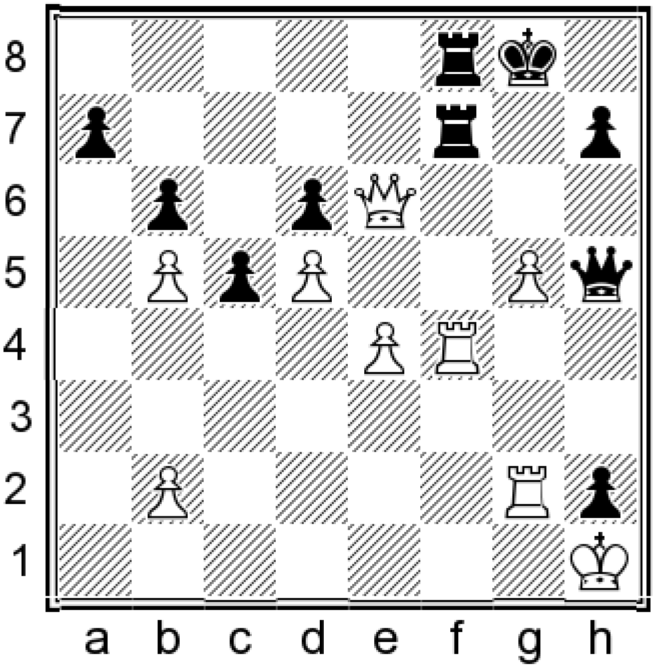
24...f4 25.♗f5 fg3 26.♘h3 gh2 27.♔h1 ♗e5 28.♕e2 ♖f7 29.♖c2 ♖g7 30.♖f1 ♕e8 Emilio keeps making good moves in a very complex position.

31.♕d3 ♘f8 32.♖g2 ♘g6 33.♗g6 ♕g6 34.♘f4 ♗f4 35.♖f4 ♕h5 36.♕c3 ♔g8 37.♕f6



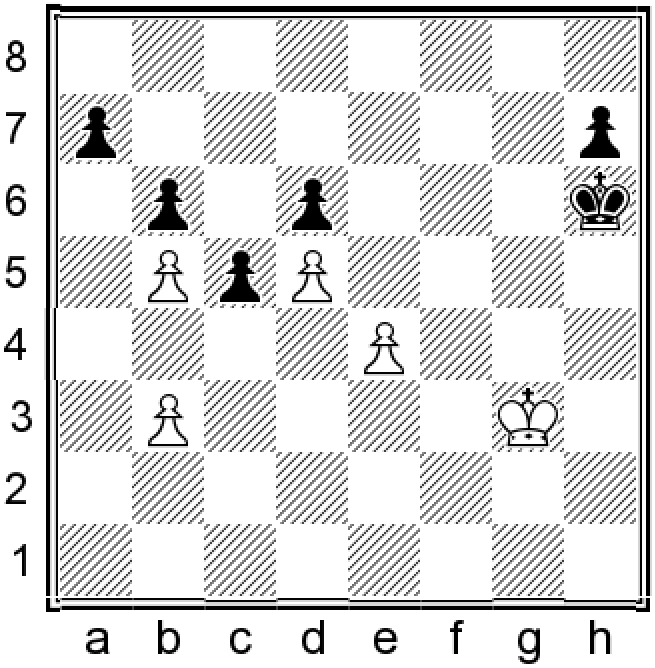
37...♖f7?? A terrible mistake in time-trouble.
[37...♕g6 38.♕g6 (38.♔h2 ♕h5 39.♔g1 ♕d1 40.♖f1 ♕d4=) 38...♖g6 39.♔h2 ♔g7= is an ending that looks easy to hold.]

38.♕e6+– ♖bf8



39.♖gf2? Time trouble again. It’s not every day that Carlsen misses the chance of winning in a direct way.
[39.g6 ♕d1 40.♔h2 ♕h5 41.♔g3 hg6 42.♖gf2 g5 43.♖f7 ♖f7 44.♖f7 ♕f7 45.♕d6+–]

39...c4? This move loses, but it is not easy to foresee this ending:
[39...♔g7 40.♖f7 ♖f7 41.♕h6 ♕h6 42.gh6 ♔g6 43.♖f7 ♔f7 44.♔h2 ♔g6 45.♔g3 ♔g5 46.b3 ♔h6



47.e5 ♔g7 48.e6 ♔g6 49.♔g4 h6 50.♔h4 ♔f6 51.♔h5 ♔g7 52.e7 ♔f7 53.♔h6 ♔e7 54.♔g6 ♔d7 55.♔f6 ♔d8 56.♔e6 ♔c7 57.♔e7 a6! 58.ba6 b5=]

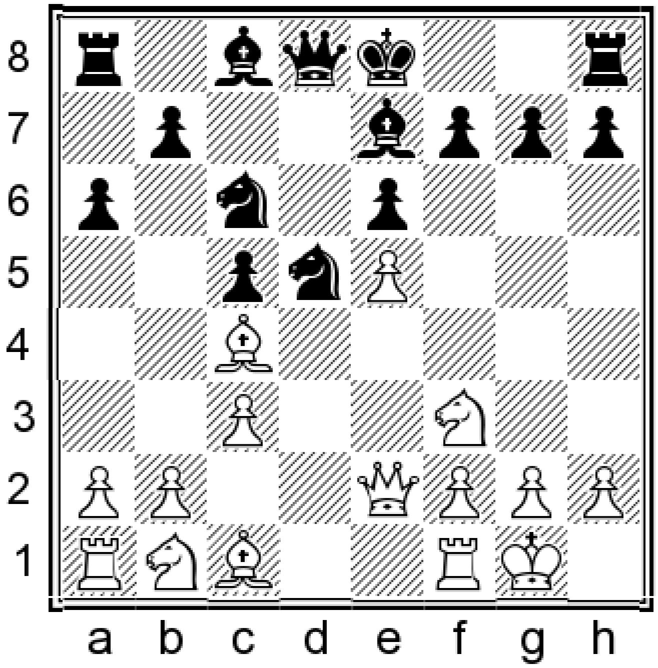
40.g6 ♕d1 41.♖f1 A good game from Emilio, who unfortunately missed his chances in time trouble.
1 : 0 Mareco

On second board, Jorge Cori had an excellent and aggressive tournament in which he made no draws, something that is quite rare at this level, winning eight games and losing only two. Jorge is on the rise and Baku was a good example of this. Formerly his opening preparation was not up to the standard of play he then shows in the rest of the game, but he has worked hard and, both in this Olympiad and in a number of tournaments in Europe this year, he has made overall progress in this respect. Let’s see his victory in the last round against Howell, a victory that levelled the match against the powerful England team.

B22
Howell 2665 – Jorge Cori 2609
Round 11, Baku Olympiad 2016

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘f6 3.e5 ♘d5 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.♗c4 e6 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 de5
[7...cd4 8.cd4 ♗e7 9.♕e2 0-0 is the main line nowadays.]

8.de5 ♗e7 9.♕e2 a6

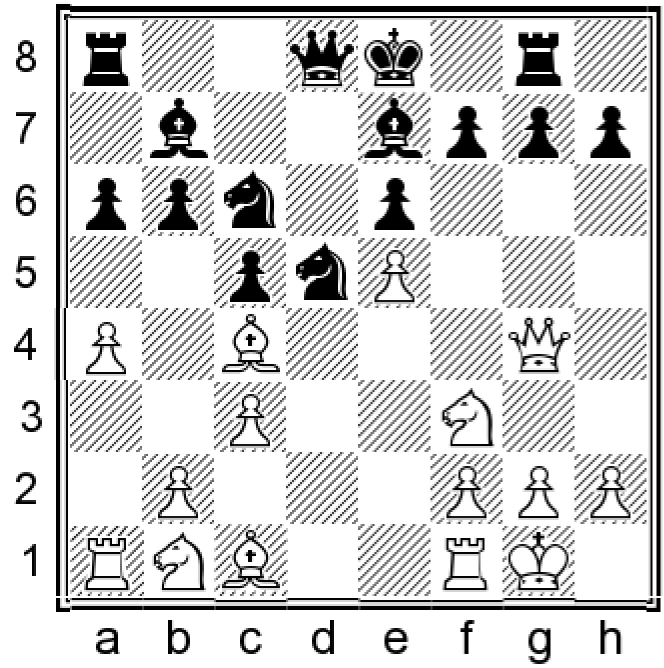


Jorge Cori. Photo by Paul Truong

10.a4 A difficult decision. 10.a4 stops the advance ...b5, but it is not easy to play b2-b4 if Black puts his king on the queenside. From a dynamic point of view, 10.♖d1 creates direct threats. With his pawn on e5 White has always more space in the centre and on the kingside, which makes possible the plan of attacking the black king with ♕e4-♗d3.
[10.♖d1 b5 11.♗d3 ♖a7∞]

10...b6 11.♕e4N After this move, Black will place his king on the queenside.
[11.♘bd2 ♗b7 (RR 11...♕c7 Gomez Baillo 2420 – Zarnicki 2570, Trelew 1995) 12.♘e4 h6 13.♖d1±]

11...♗b7 12.♕g4 ♖g8

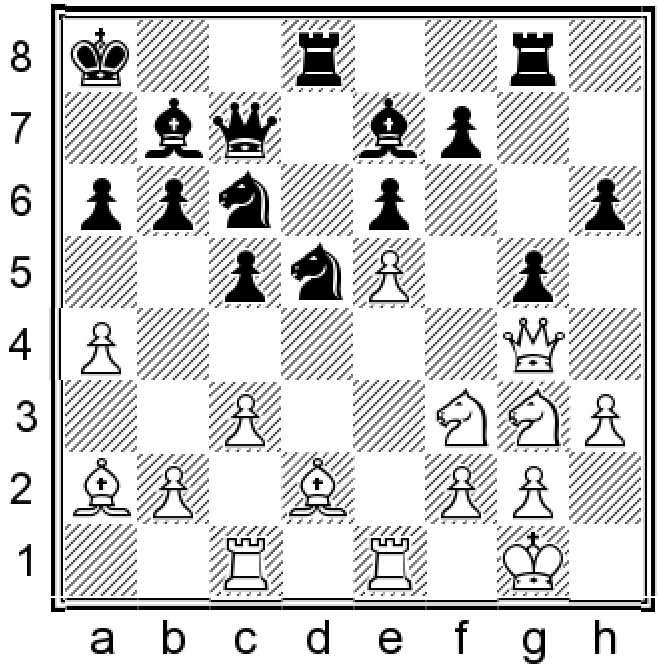


Now Black has an easy plan: to attack on the kingside and in an indirect way, by weakening e5 through a removal of the knight on f3.

13.♖e1 ♕d7 14.♘bd2 0-0-0 15.♘f1
[15.♘e4 f5!; 15.♘b3!? h6 16.♗f1 with the plan of opening lines by a4-a5 and in anticipation of ...b5, and ...c4.]

15...h6 16.♘g3 ♔b8 17.♗a2 ♔a8 18.♗d2 g5
The position is still equal, but it is more easy and natural to play with Black.

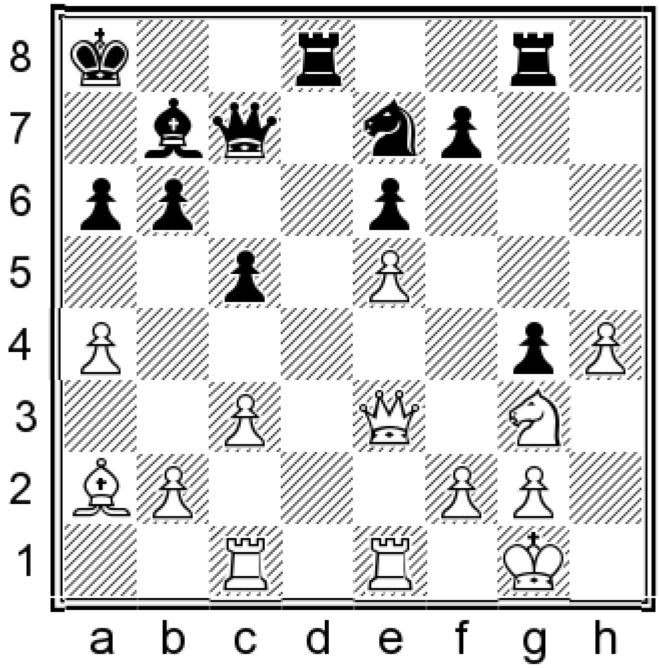
19.h3 ♕c7 20.♖ac1 ♕d7 21.♖cd1 ♕c7 22.♖c1



22...♘f4!? No draw! Also interesting was the plan with ...♗f8-g7 in order to exert pressure on e5.
[22...♗f8 23.♘h5 ♘de7 24.♗b1 ♘g6 25.♗g6 ♖g6∓]

23.♗f4 gf4 24.♕f4 ♗g5 25.♘g5 hg5 26.♕e3 g4 27.h4
[27.hg4 ♖g4 28.♗b1 ♖d5∓]

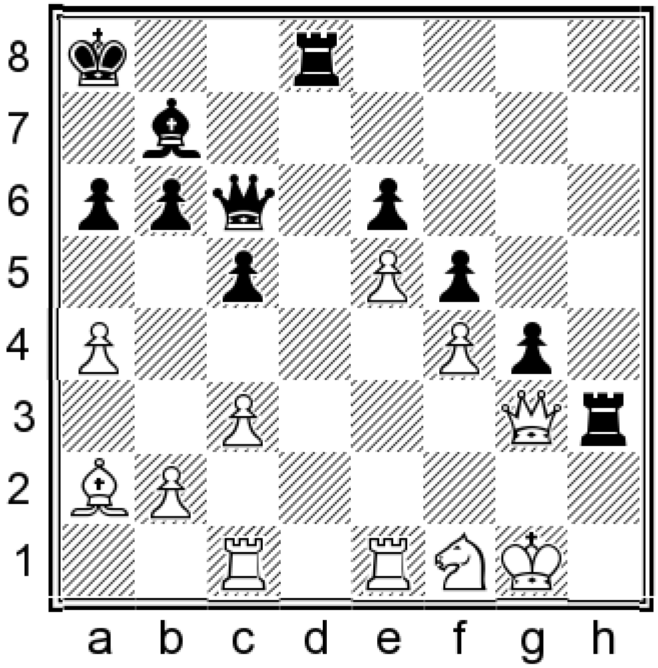
27...♘e7



28.♕f4??
[28.h5 ♕c6 29.♕e4 ♕e4 30.♘e4 ♗e4 31.♖e4 ♖g5∞]

28...f5!–+ Now Black can mobilise his forces on the king’s flank while White remains static.

29.♘f1 ♘g6 30.♕h2 ♕c6 31.g3 ♖h8 32.f4 ♘h4 33.gh4 ♖h4 34.♕g3 ♖h3



35.♖e3 ♖g3 36.♖g3 ♖d2 37.♘d2 ♕h1 38.♔f2 ♕h2 39.♔e1 ♕g3 40.♔d1 ♕f4
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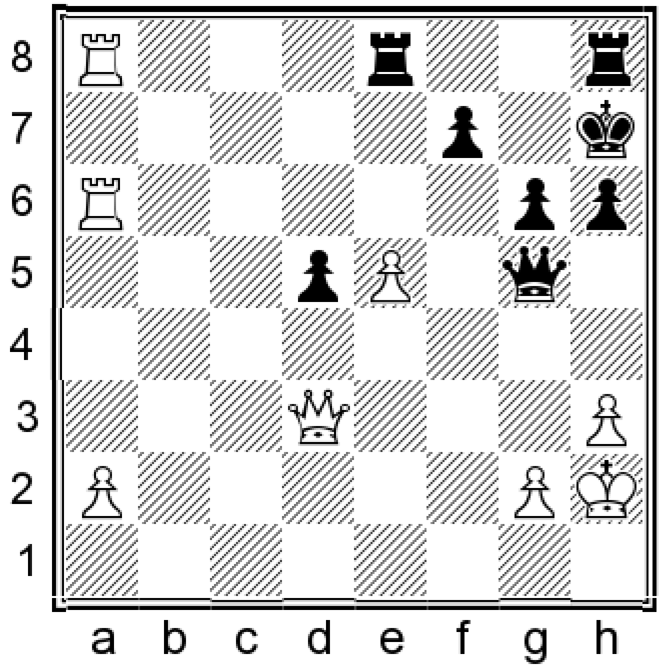
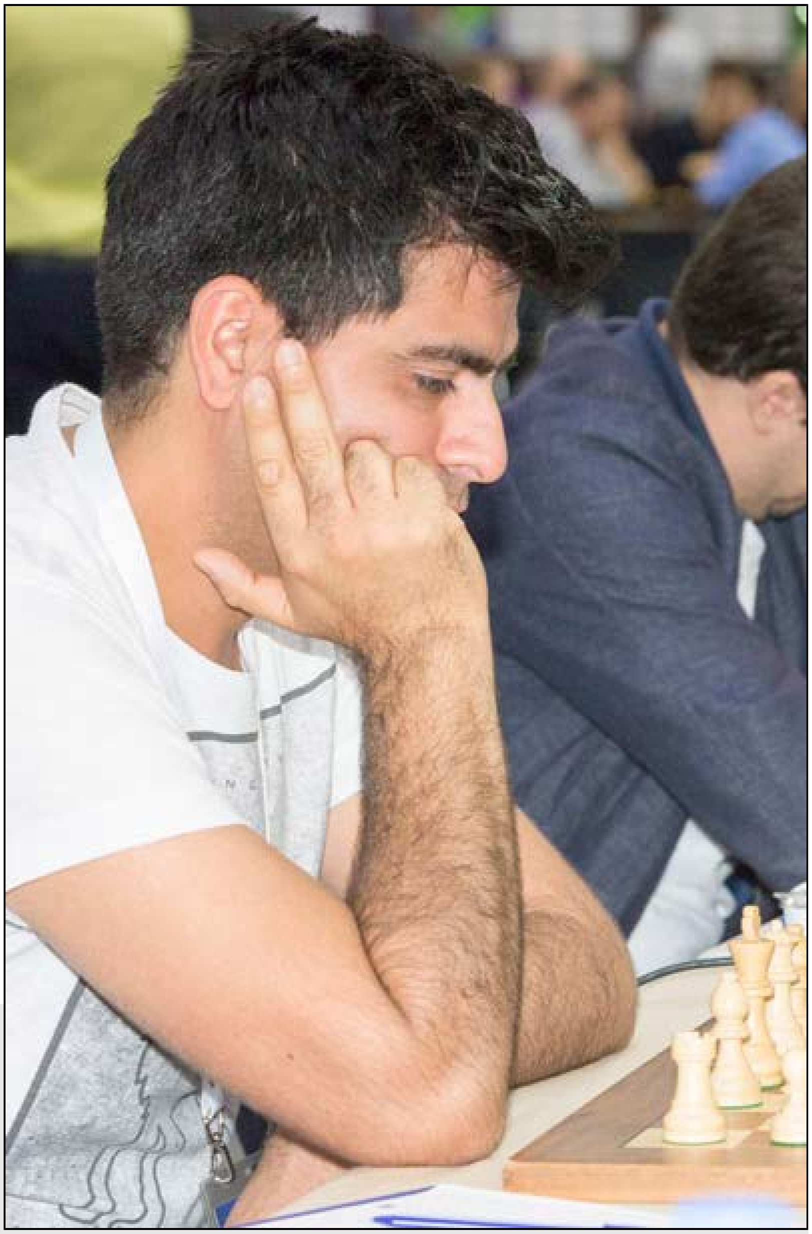
In the seventh round Perú had to face an inspired Paraguay. The “Guaranies” had two very good results in the fifth and sixth rounds by beating France and tieing against Poland. The hero of those matches was José Cubas, who beat Romain Edouard and Kacper Piorun, but Cristhian Cruz held a very difficult position against him and took his chance when he had it.

C11
José Cubas 2470 – Cristhian Cruz 2519
Round 7, Baku Olympiad 2016



38.♕d5? ♕f4 39.♔h1??



[39.♔g1 ♖b8 (39...♖e5 40.♖h8 ♔h8 41.♕d1 ♕g3 42.♕d4 ♔h7 43.♖f6) 40.♖b8 ♖b8 41.♕d1]

39...♖e5 40.♖h8 ♔h8 41.♕d1 ♕g3
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PARAGUAY

Paraguayan chess has been on the rise for some years and Baku was a concrete example. Their 19th place was also the best result in the history of the “Guaraní” team. Prior to the tournament, in both Paraguay and South America in general, expectations for the team were high, because for the first time they had a team fielding four grandmasters.

The Paraguayan side consisted of Neuris Delgado, Axel Bachmann, José Cubas, Zenón Franco and Matías Latorre.

The high point of the team was Axel Bachmann, who on the second board achieved a performance of 2710, which allowed him to gain 9 Elo points. On the first board, Neuris Delgado had a more than acceptable tournament with a performance of 2603, losing just 1 Elo rating point. That should be considered good, because it is not easy to face every day the strongest player of the opposing team. Playing on top board is always a hard task.

On the third board played José Cubas, who had an erratic tournament, starting off badly in the first few rounds, but then pulling himself up with two important victories: first against Edouard Romain, from France, and then against Kacper Piorun, from Poland. José ended the tournament with an increase of 3 Elo points.

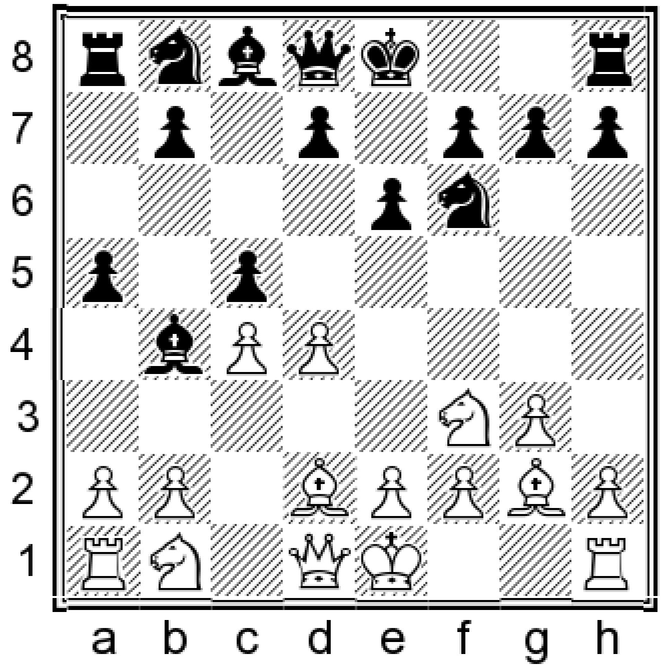
On the fourth board, Zenón Franco showed that he continues to play very well, with a performance of 2586 and a gain of 11 Elo points. Fifth board was Matías Latorre who also gained 16 Elo points, making an important contribution to the team.

Axel Bachmann has been playing at a very high level for several years and his good performance in Baku was no surprise to me. He has recently showed the quality of his chess in many tournaments in Europe, with excellent results such as his victories in Capelle and Golden Sands. Let’s see his victory against Jorge Cori.

E11
Jorge Cori 2609 – Axel Bachmann 2641
Round 7, Baku Olympiad 2016

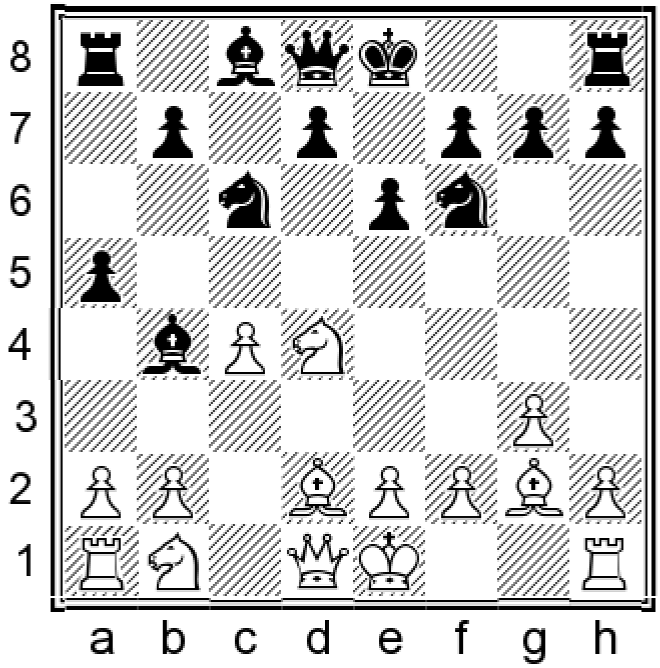
1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 e6 3.c4 ♗b4 4.♗d2 a5 5.g3 c5!? Unusual, but interesting.

6.♗g2



6...cd4
[6...♘c6 7.dc5 (7.a3 ♗d2 8.♕d2±) 7...♗c5 8.0-0 0-0 9.♘c3 h6 10.♗f4 d6 11.b3 e5 12.♗d2 ♗e6 13.e4 a4 14.♖b1 ab3 15.ab3 ♕d7 16.♕e1 ♗g4 17.♘b5 ♖a2 18.♗c3 ♖fa8 19.♖d1 ♖c2 20.b4 Kozul 2637 – Stevic 2618, Croatia 2013]

7.♘d4 ♘c6



8.♘b5 White is slightly better because of the bishop on g2 and the weakness of b5. Anyway, Black has counterplay thanks to the easy development of his forces.

[8.♘c2 ♗c5 9.♗e3 ♕b6 10.♗c5 ♕c5 11.♘ba3 ½:½ Berkes 2665 – Bachmann 2589, Zalakaros 2014]

8...d5 9.0-0 0-0 10.cd5 ed5 11.♗f4N

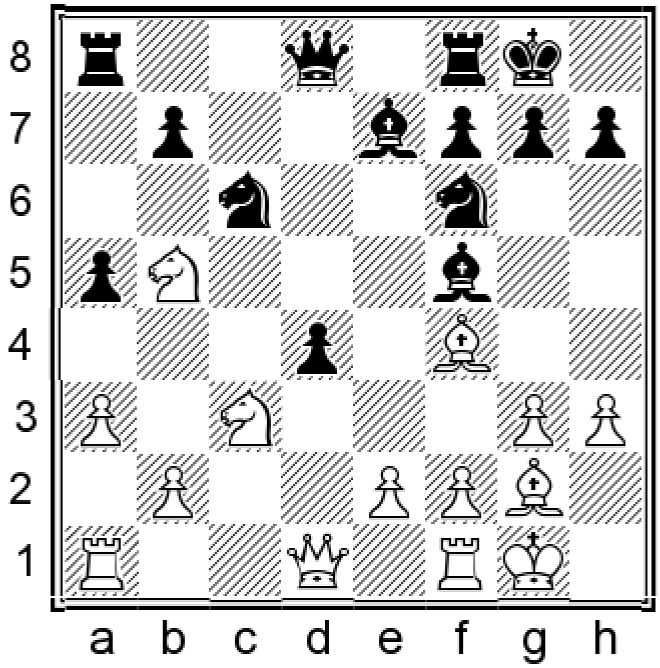
[RR 11.♗g5 Kozul 2594 – Kurajica 2493, Bosnia and Herzegovina 2014]

11...♗g4 12.h3 ♗f5 13.a3 ♗e7 14.♘1c3?!

I do not like this move. After 14...d4 Black has a free game.

[Better was 14.e3 ♘e4 15.g4 ♗e6 16.♘1c3±]

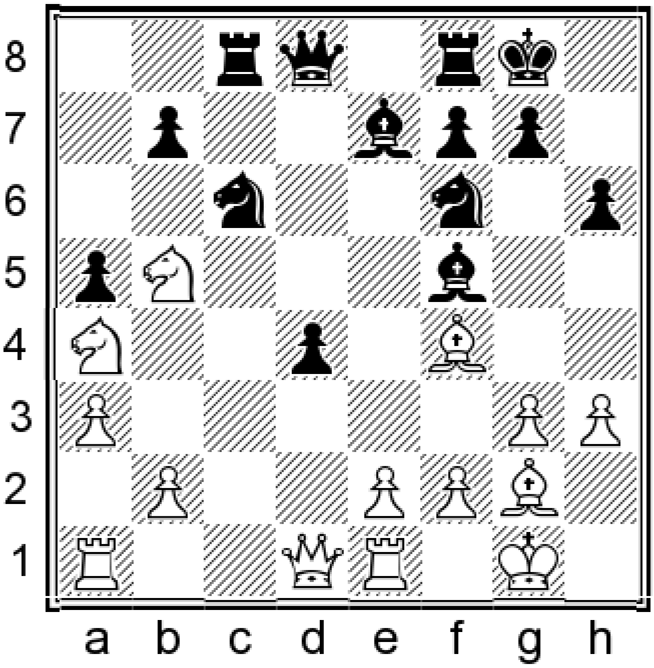
14...d4



15.♘a4

[15.e4!? dc3 16.ef5 cb2 17.♖b1 and White can still fight for the advantage.]

15...♖c8∞ 16.♖e1 h6?!

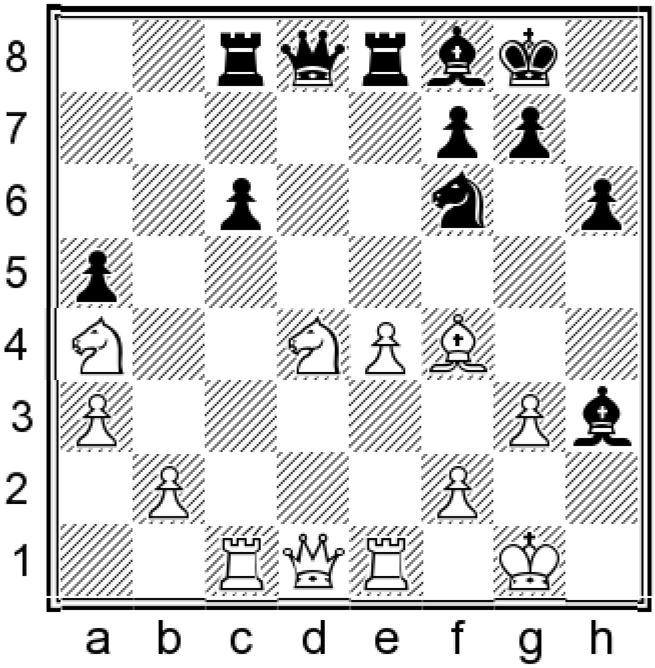


Axel Bachmann. Photo by Paul Truong

This is too slow for an open position. Better is 16...♗e4 with a complex game.

17.♗c6?! It is hard to explain this move. Why give up such a useful bishop? Now the white king will suffer. [17.e4! ♗e6 (17...de3 18.♗e3 ♕d1 19.♖ad1 ♗c2 20.♘b6!) 18.♖c1±]

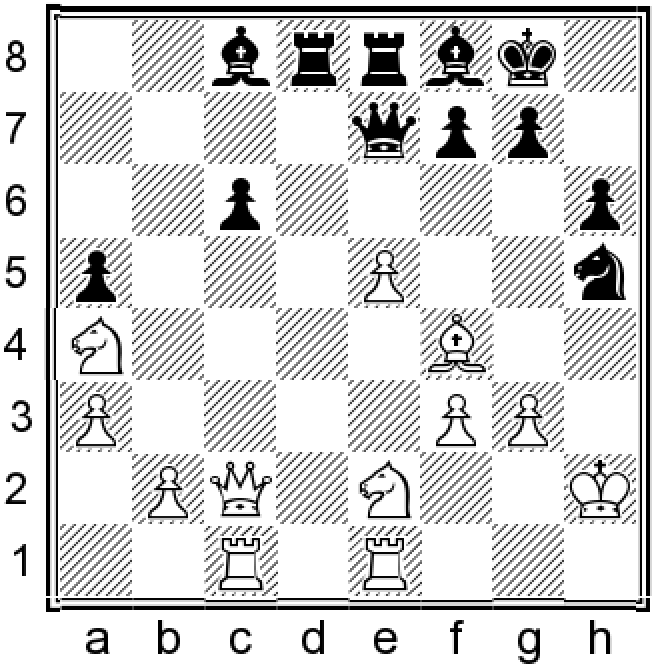
17...bc6 18.♘d4 ♗h3 19.e4 ♖e8 20.♖c1 ♗f8



This position is not easy to play with White and that leads him to make mistakes. This is true even for grandmasters.

21.f3?
[21.♘c6 ♕d1 22.♖ed1 ♖e4 23.♘b6 ♖ce8∓]

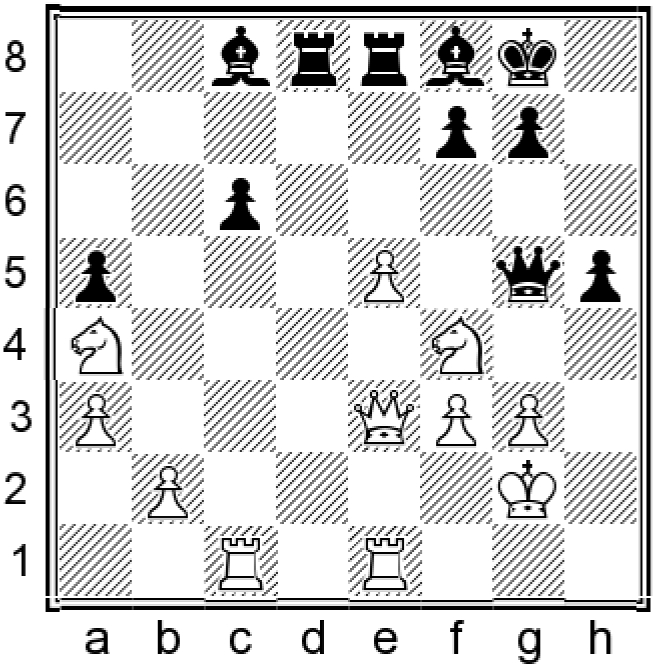
21...♘h5! 22.♘e2 ♕f6 23.♔h2 ♖cd8 24.♕c2 ♗c8 25.e5 ♕e7



Black is winning. The white king is exposed and the light squares are as weak as the pawn on e5.

26.♔g2 ♘f4
[26...g5! 27.♖h1 ♘g7 28.♖h6 ♘f5 29.♖h5 gf4 30.♖f5 ♗f5 31.♕f5 ♖d2!–+]

27.♘f4 ♕g5 28.♕c3 h5 29.♕e3



29...♕f5
[29...♖e5 30.♕e5 ♖d2 31.♔h1 ♕g3 32.♖e2 ♕f3 33.♔g1 ♕g4–+]

30.♔f2 ♗d6 31.♘d3 ♗a3–+ 32.♖cd1 ♗b4 33.♖h1 ♗a6 34.♘b4 ab4 35.♕e4 ♕e4 36.fe4 ♖d1 37.♖d1 ♖e5 38.♔f3 ♗b5 39.♖d8 ♔h7 40.♘b6 f5 41.ef5 ♖f5 42.♔e4 ♖f2 43.♘d7 ♖b2 44.♘f8 ♔g8 45.♘g6 ♔f7 46.♔f5 ♖f2 47.♔g5 ♔e6
0 : 1 Mareco

ARGENTINA

Writing about my team is not easy, because obviously there are many emotional factors involved when it comes to an overall assessment.

I think we gave an acceptable performance, despite finishing in 32nd place. It is strange to talk about luck in chess, but our fixtures were not the most favourable with a lot of tough matches, without even mentioning that we had to face USA and China.

In a way, it was not clear to me how the pairings were done, because many times it happened that I saw matches between two teams with high rankings next to a table with lower ranking sides playing against each other. I guess that the system used was not the same as the one used in a normal open. But honestly, I do not know how it was done exactly.

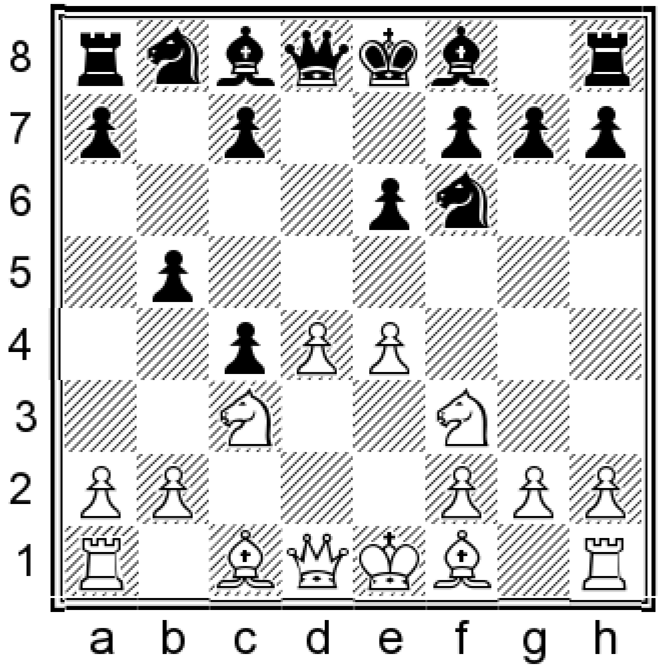
For our team, Fernando Peralta did not have a good tournament on the first board (he lost 12 Elo points). He is an excellent player and if there is something that characterises him it is consistency. Unfortunately, Baku was an exceptional tournament for him. It is not easy to recall Fernando losing so many games in a single tournament. Obviously, playing on top board would have been a risk for any of us, but he had defended that board in excellent style in both the 2012 and 2014 Olympiads, and that made him a good choice for this task.

On the third board played Federico Pérez Ponsa, who in his second Olympiad had a good result, gaining 4 Elo points. I think that in the next Olympiad he will achieve an even better result, because his play continues to constantly evolve. On the fourth board played Diego Flores, who started in very good form, but in the last rounds under-performed a little, which caused him to lose 7 Elo points. On the fifth board, Alan Pichot was taking part in his first Olympiad, which is always a challenge, but he did very well, gaining 7 Elo points.

On the second board I played the best tournament of my life in an Olympiad with a performance of 2739, gaining 20 Elo points. I experienced various situations in the tournament: good games, tense, bad, lucky ones and several that were very complex. But this is only natural when you play so many difficult matches in a row. Let’s see my games against Wang Yue and Nakamura.

D37
Wang Yue 2737 – Mareco 2606
Round 6, Baku Olympiad 2016

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 d5 4.d4 dc4 5.e4 b5

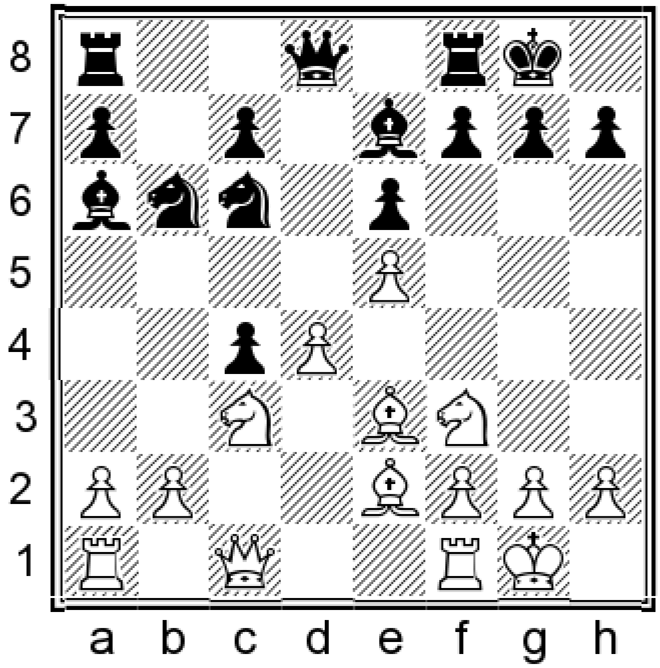


An idea of Gabriel del Rio which the Argentinian team considered very interesting. Objectively the position is slightly favourable for White, but it holds a lot of fight.

6.e5 ♘d5 7.♘b5 ♘b6 8.♗e2 ♘c6 9.0-0 ♗e7 10.♗e3 0-0 11.♕c1N
A little explored position with many possible options for both sides.
[11.♘c3 ♖b8!?± (11...♗b7±); RR 11.a3 Anton Guijarro 2635 – Del Rio de Angelis 2511, Spain (ch) 2015]

11...♗a6
[11...♖b8 12.♘c3 ♘b4 13.♖d1±]

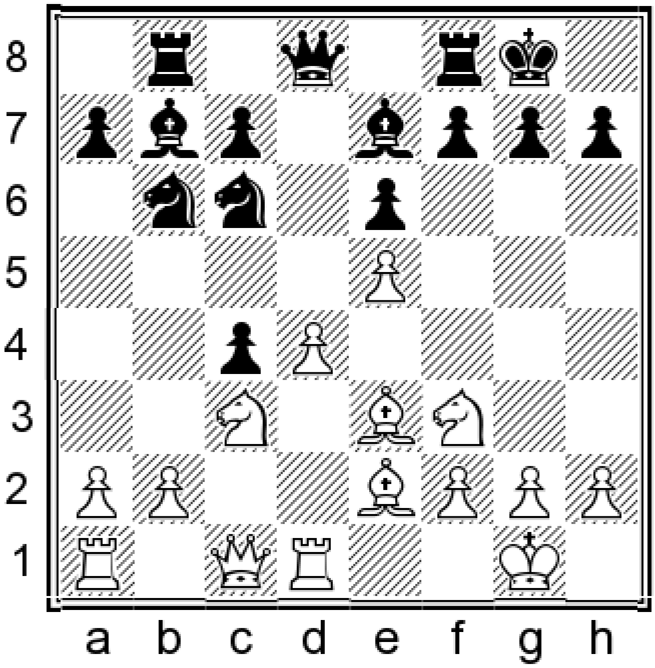
12.♘c3



12...♗b7?!
[Best is 12...♘b4! aiming for d5. If White plays with b3 against this plan, the disappearance of the light-squared bishops

will assure Black counterplay in the centre. The position after 13.b3 (13.♘e4 ♖b8) 13...cb3 14.♗a6 ♘a6 15.ab3 ♘b4= is quite playable for Black.]

13.♖d1 ♖b8



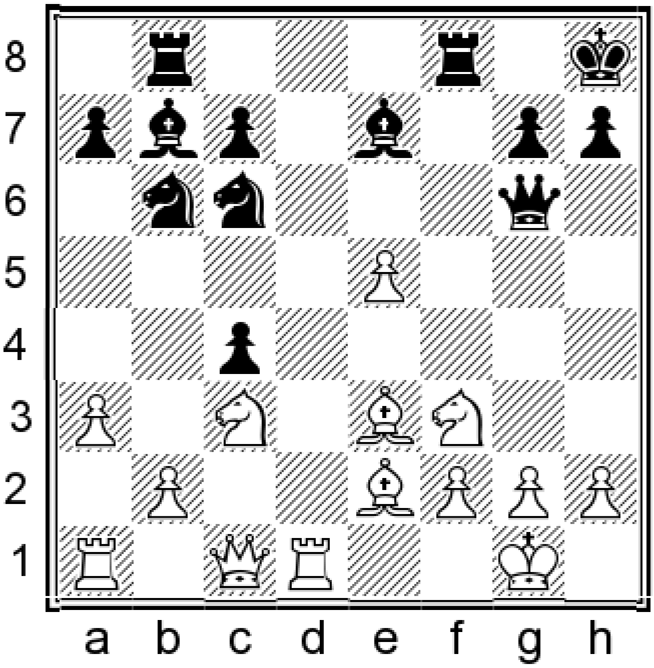
14.d5!
[A strong move that I completely underestimated by not considering 15.♗b6 against 14...ed5]

14...♘b4! A good practical decision.

15.de6 ♕e8 16.ef7 ♕f7 17.♘e1 ♔h8
[17...♕e6!? 18.f4 g5∞]

18.a3
[18.f4 g5 19.fg5 ♗g5; 18.b3 ♘c6 19.♘f3±]

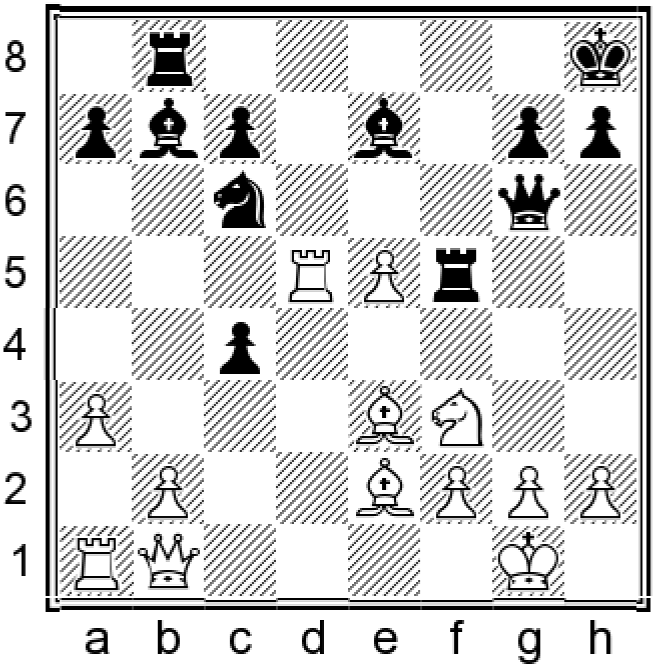
18...♘c6 19.♘f3 ♕g6



20.♕b1!

[It was possible to play 20...♘e5 or to retain the tension with 20...♖f5, which I would consider a wise option at this particular moment of the match.]

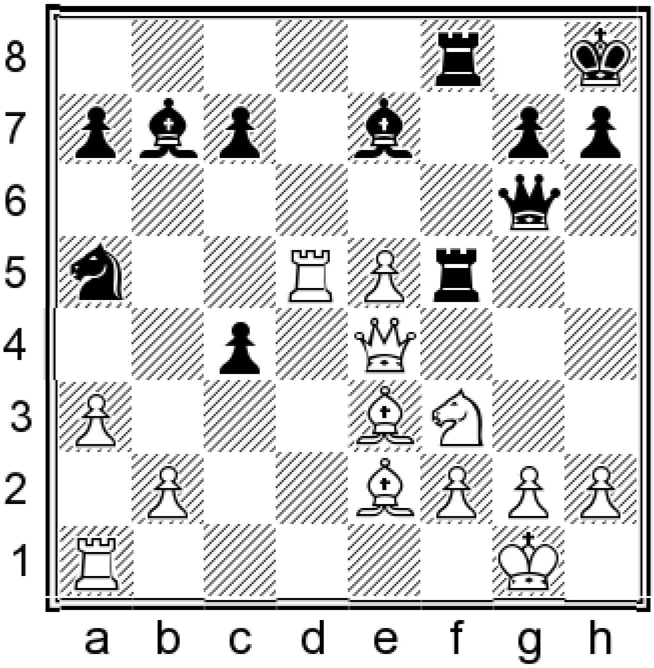
20...♖f5 21.♘d5! ♘d5 22.♖d5



22...♖bf8?!

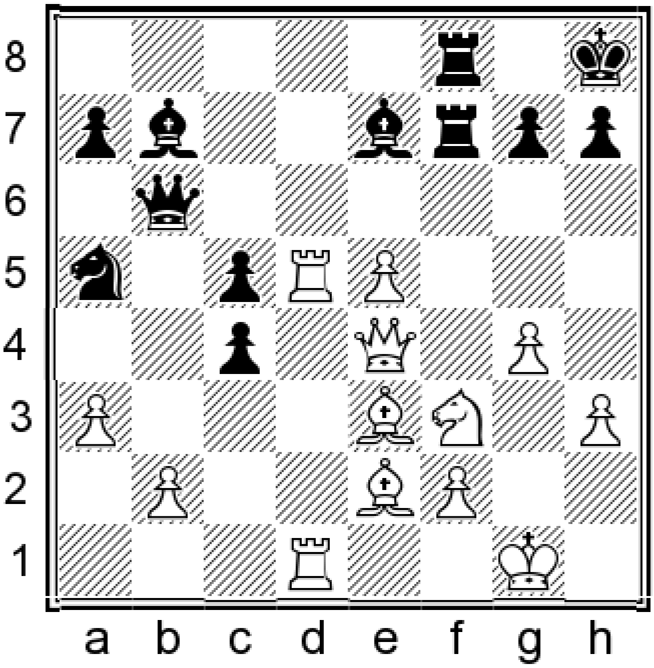
[22...♘e5! 23.♘e5 ♕e6 24.♘g6 hg6 25.♖d4±]

23.♕e4 ♘a5



Now my position is clearly worse and I must try to create some counterplay and make the game more complex.

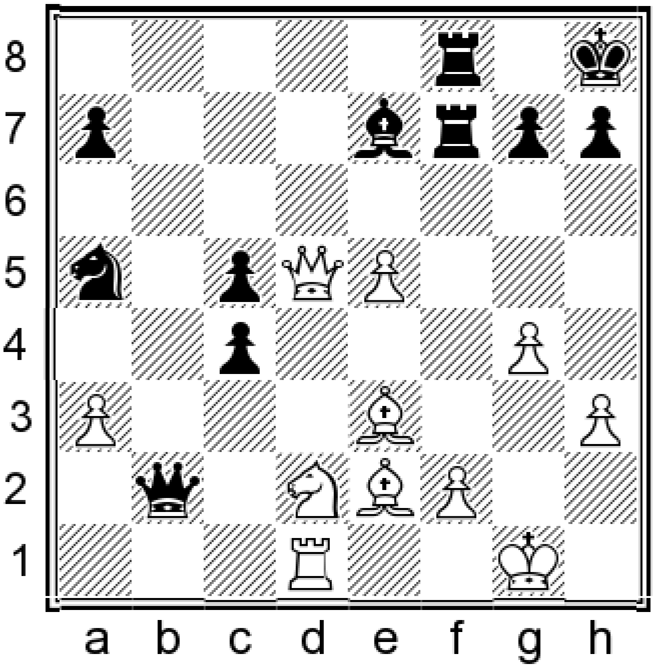
24.♖ad1 c5 25.h3 ♕b6 26.g4! ♖5f7



27.♘d2?

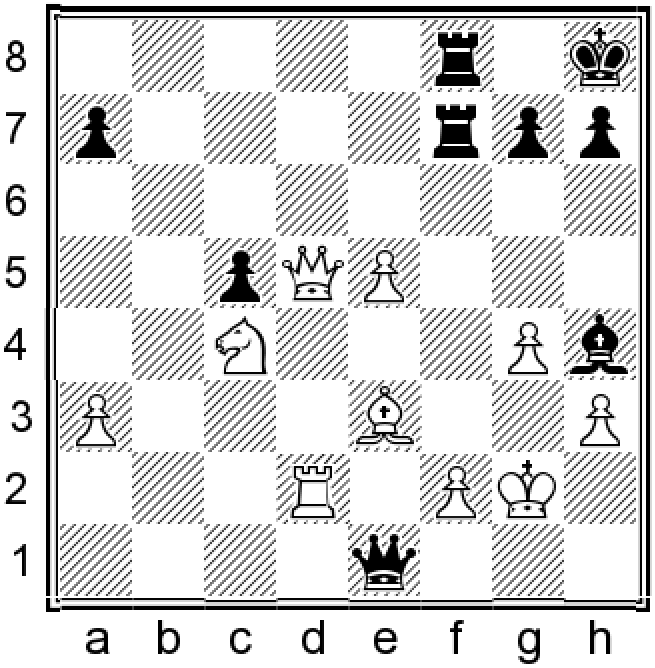
[After 27.e6 ♖f6 28.♘g5 ♖g6 (28...g6 29.♕e5+–) 29.♘h7 ♖e6 30.♕c2 White is almost winning in spite of the material deficit. 30...♗d5 31.♖d5+–]

27...♗d5 28.♕d5 ♕b2



29.♗c4?
[29.e6 ♖f6 30.♕d7! but it is not easy to play this with little time on the clock. 30...c3 31.♕e7 c2 32.♘e4!! cd1♕ 33.♗d1 ♘c6 34.♕d6±]

29...♘c4 30.♘c4 ♕e2! 31.♖d2 ♕e1 32.♔g2 ♗h4



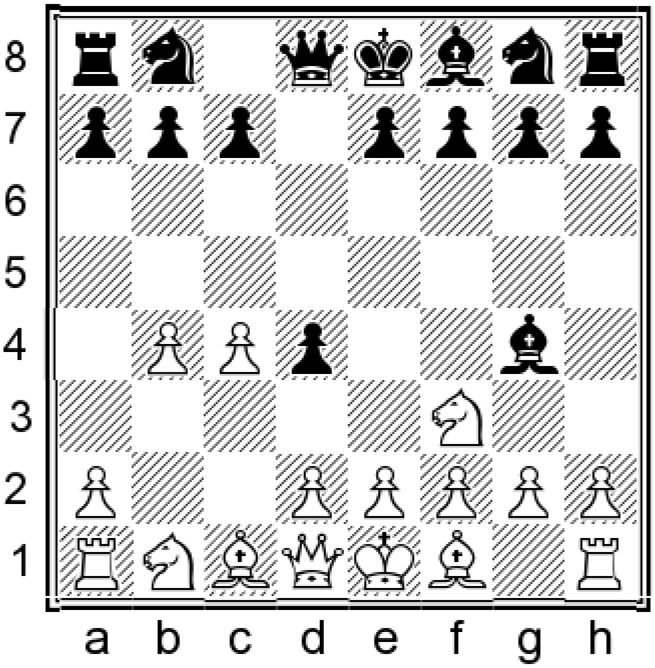
33.♕c5
[Maybe 33.e6 would have been a better practical decision, but Black is on top after 33.e6 ♖f2 34.♖f2 ♖f2 35.♗f2 ♕f2 36.♔h1 ♕e1 37.♔g2 ♕g3 38.♔h1 ♕h3 39.♔g1 ♕g4 40.♔f1 ♕d4–+]

33...♖f3! Now there is no way of stopping ...♖g3.
34.e6 ♖g3 35.fg3 ♕f1 36.♔h2 ♗g3
0 : 1 Mareco

Sandro Mareco. Photo by Mihajlo Antic

A09
Mareco 2606 – Nakamura 2789
Round 3, Baku Olympiad 2016

1.♘f3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 ♗g4
[RR 3...f6 Mareco 2599 – Ni Hua 2704, Baku (m/1) 2015 – 126/4]



4.g3 A few months ago I had played 4.♕b3 against Topalov in a rapidplay. After that game he told me that he found the arising position very interesting.

[4.♕b3 c6 5.♗b2 ♗f3 6.ef3 ♘f6 7.♘a3 e5 8.c5 ♗e7 9.♗c4 0-0 10.♘c2 a5 11.a3 ab4 12.ab4 ♖a1 13.♗a1 ♘bd7 14.0-0 b6 15.cb6 ♘b6 16.f4 ♘e4 17.♖d1 ef4 (17...♗h4) 18.♘d4 (18.♗d3) 18...♗h4 19.g3 fg3 20.hg3 ♗f6 21.♕d3 ♘c4 ½:½ Mareco – Topalov]

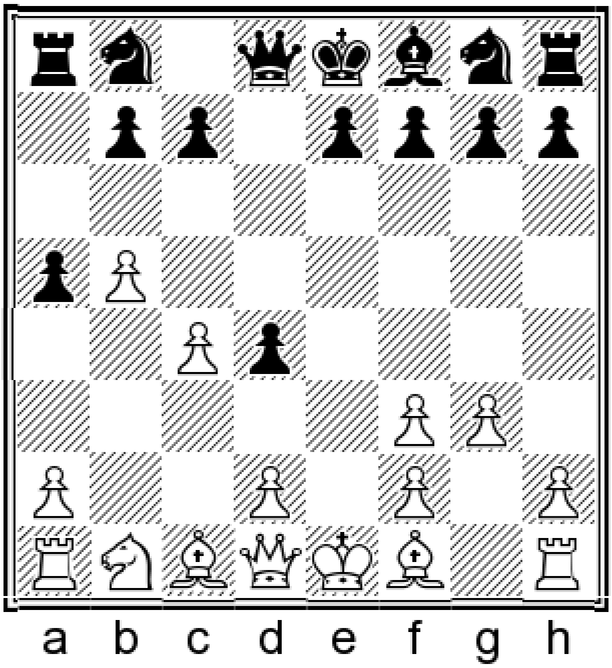
4...♗f3 Played after long thought, which made me feel more relaxed because it was clear that he had nothing special against my choice of opening.

[4...♗f3 is okay, but I prefer 4...f6 5.♗g2 e5 6.0-0 with a complex position.]

5.ef3 a5?!N

[Better was 5...e6; RR 5...e5 Injac 2215 – Ratkovic 2382, Paracin 2016]

6.b5



6...♘d7 With the idea of placing this knight on c5, but Black has no time to organise this and meanwhile the bishop on g2 will exert strong pressure.

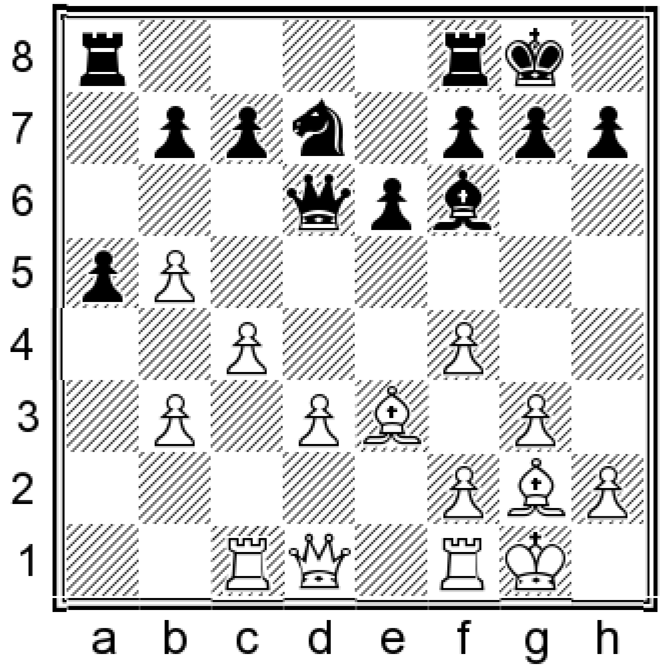
7.♗g2 e6 8.0-0 ♘gf6?
[8...c5 9.f4 ♖b8 10.d3 is better than the line played in the game, but White has an edge in any case.]

9.f4 ♘c5 10.d3 ♘fd7
[I guess this was played with the idea of 11.♗b2 ♘b6. But after 11.♗d2 White would have a clear advantage.]

11.♘d2 ♗e7 12.♘b3 0-0 There are no good options.
[12...♘b3 13.ab3 ♖a7 14.♗d2 b6 15.b4+–]

13.♘d4 ♗f6 14.♗e3 ♕e7
[14...♘b6 15.♘c6! bc6 16.♗c5 ♗a1 17.♗f8 ♕f8 18.♕a1+–]

15.♖c1 ♕d6 16.♘b3 ♘b3 17.ab3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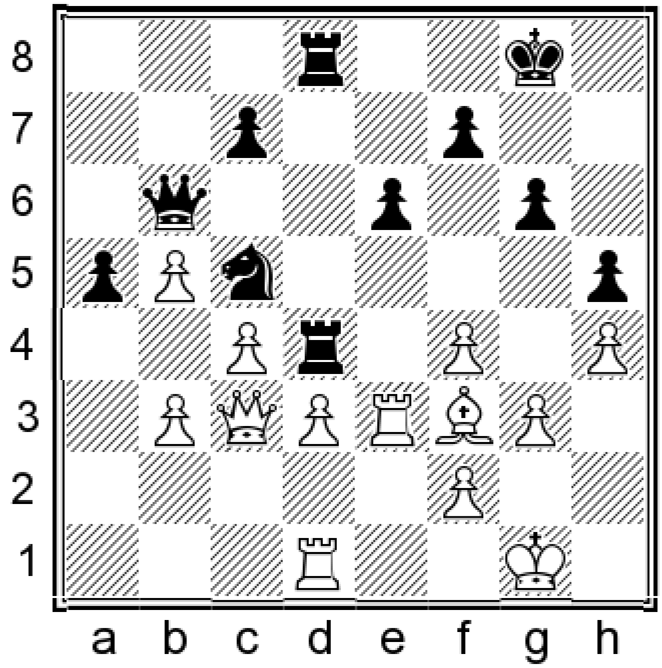
17...♗d4! An excellent decision by Nakamura. This forces me to play accurately.

18.♗b7 ♖ad8 19.♗f3 ♘c5 20.♖e1 g6
[20...♗e3 21.♖e3 ♘d3 22.♖a1+–]

21.♕c2 ♕b6 22.♖a1 ♖d6 23.♗d4 ♖d4 24.♖e3 ♖fd8 25.♖d1
I did not want to allow c6.
[25.♗e2 c6 26.bc6 ♘b3 27.♕b2+–]

25...♕d6 26.♕c3 ♕b6 27.h4 h5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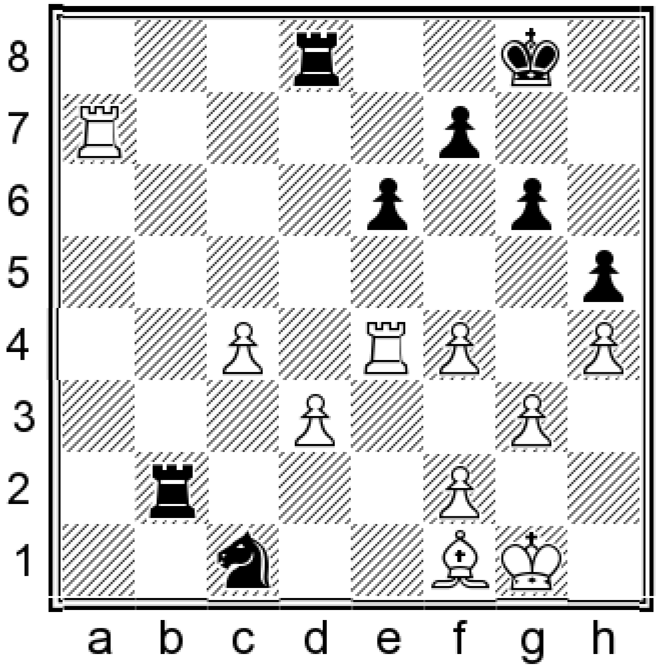
28.♗e2
[28.♗d5! ♘b3 (28...♘d3 29.c5) 29.♗e6+–]

28...c6 29.bc6 ♕c6 30.♖a1 I decided to play this because I thought the resulting endgame was easier to win than it really was.
[30.♕a5 ♘b3 31.♕g5+–]

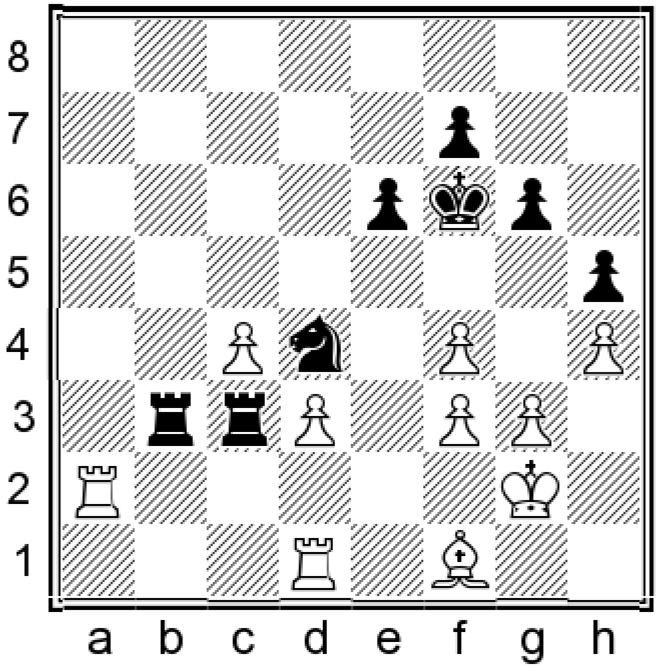
30...♕b7 31.♖a5 ♕b3 32.♕b3 ♘b3 33.♖a3 ♖b8 34.♖a7 ♘c1 35.♗f1 ♖b2 36.♖e4 ♖d8



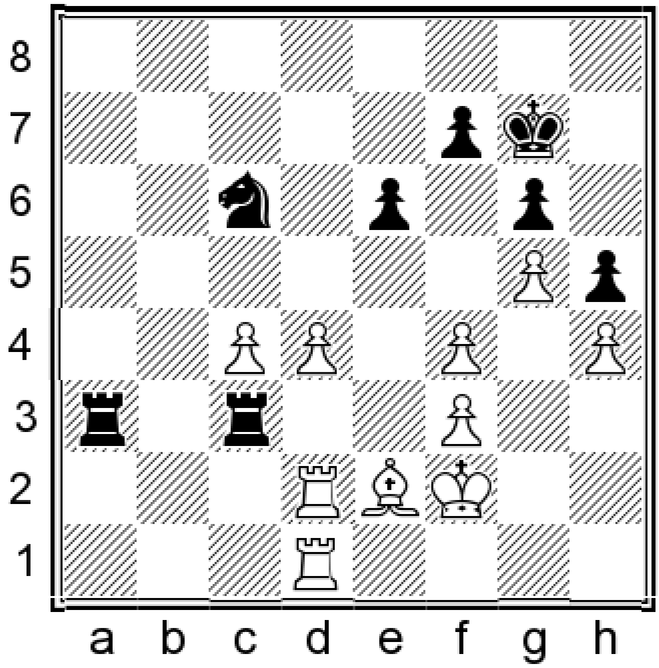
37.♖e1
[37.d4 ♖c2 38.d5 ed5 39.cd5 ♖d5 40.♗c4+– is a simple line that I still do not know why I underestimated.]

37...♖c2 38.♖a1
I spent a lot of time trying to find a way of exchanging one rook or at least removing the rook from c2.

38...♘b3 39.♖ad1 ♘d4 40.♔g2 ♘f5 41.♖b1 ♖d2 42.♔g1 ♘d4 43.♖ed1 ♖a2 44.♖a1 ♖b2 45.♖db1 ♖c2 46.♖a3 ♖d7 47.♖ba1 ♔g7 48.♔g2 ♖b7 49.♖3a2 ♖c3 50.♖d1 ♔f6 51.f3 ♖bb3



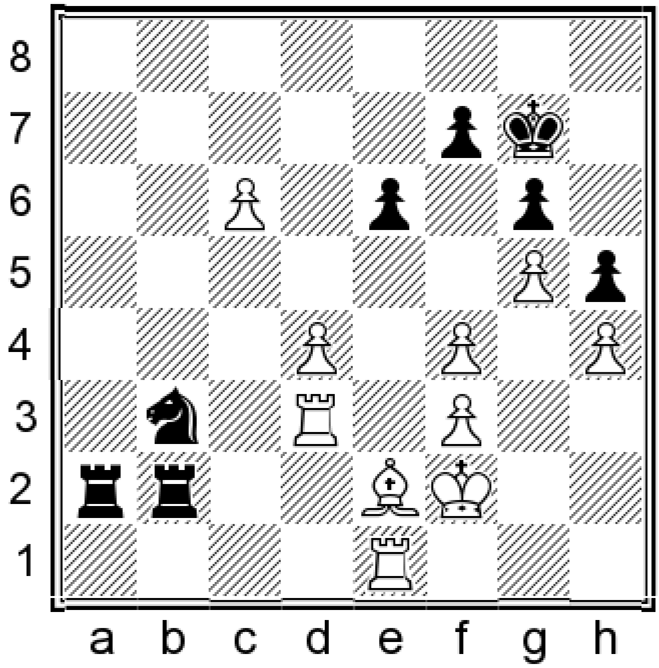
52.♔f2 ♘c6 53.g4 ♘b4 54.♖ad2 ♘c6 55.♖a1 ♘b4 56.♖ad1 ♖a3 57.♗e2 ♘c6 58.g5 ♔g7 59.d4



59...♘a5! An excellent resource. I was initially relying on d4-d5 but Black can hold his position.

60.c5
[60.d5? ♘c4 61.♗c4 ♖c4 62.d6 ♖a8=]

60...♘b3 61.♖d3 ♖c2 62.♖e1 ♖b2 63.c6 ♖aa2



Short of time, Nakamura finds an excellent idea. I saw it, but with less than two minutes I thought there was no perpetual check.

64.c7??
[It was necessary to play 64.f5+–]

64...♘c1!= 65.♖c1 ♖e2 66.♔f1 ♖h2 67.♔g1 ♖ag2 68.♔f1 ♖f2 69.♔g1 ♖hg2 70.♔h1 ♖h2
1/2 : 1/2 Mareco

After this short summary of some of the Latin American teams I can say that it makes me happy to see that the level of play in the region continues to progress and I personally hope to take part again in the next Olympiad in Batumi.

Sokolov

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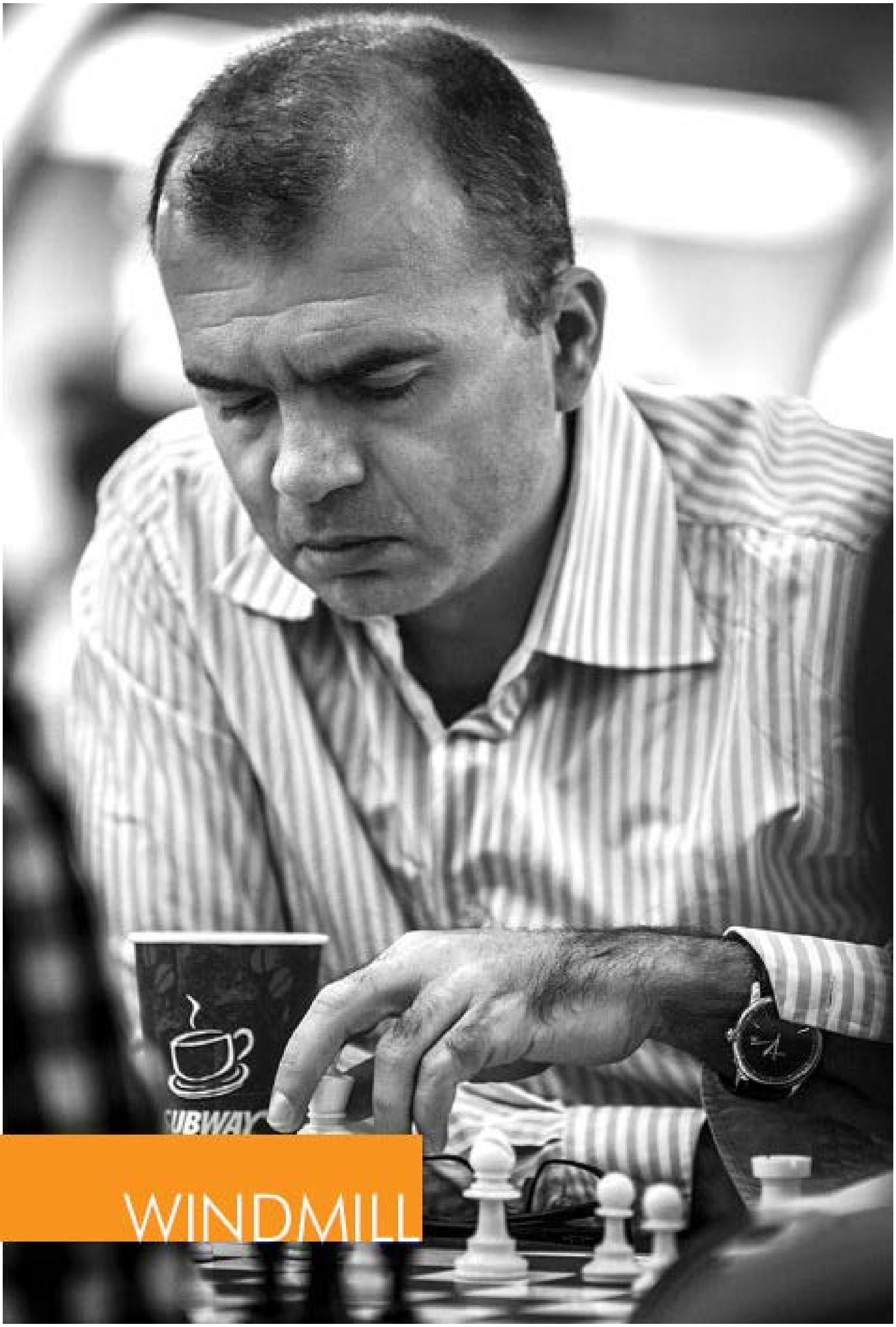

THE YOUNG IRANIANS

Having taken on the job of coach to the Iranian national team, I already knew a lot about the players involved. The

“Iranian Stars” tournament, run on the Scheveningen system and fielding ten foreigners against the ten best Iranians, took place in July and, being one of the foreigners myself, I was able to gain first hand experience of the players I was later to coach.

The Iranian team selection for Baku was based on the results of their latest individual national championship. And, as it turned out, their Olympiad side was to consist of the experienced Ehsan Ghaem Maghami, whom I placed on board one, and four youngsters, with an average age of only fifteen!

Three of these youngsters had formed part of an Iranian team which won the gold medal at the World Teams U16 Championship, ahead of Russia, USA, India, China, etc. and I went to Tehran two weeks prior to the Olympiad to conduct a training camp with them. The fact that all these players were talented, ambitious and dedicated led me to feel optimistic that Iran’s final result would be considerably higher than their starting position. And so it was, seeded 46th, Iran finished 16th(!), ahead of many world chess powers!

In this article I want to introduce these four young team members to the wider chess public, by presenting one game from each of them. Three of these games have annotations by the players themselves, to which I have added a few more comments where appropriate.

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BRIGHT MINDS IN THE LAND OF

Iranian teams at Chess Olympiad, Baku 2016. Photo by Maria Emelianova

Parham Maghsoodloo has an unusual approach to the openings and tries to stay away from main lines and obtain his own kind of positions. In this way he is not looking for an opening advantage with White, but simply aiming for a playable game. In our training camp I tried to encourage him to study some mainstream theory but in the following game Parham decided to stick to his own personal way of playing. To my surprise he chose the move 8.♖d1, hardly seen in practice and which we agreed was not precise. Nevertheless, later in the game we see Parham’s main strength:

he is good at practical streetfighting chess, strong in calculation and in handling complications. These qualities he already showed at the Iranian Stars tournament, played prior to the Olympiad and where he delivered a 2800+ performance. The comments to the game are by Parham, plus a few extra notes by me, which are marked *(Sokolov)*.

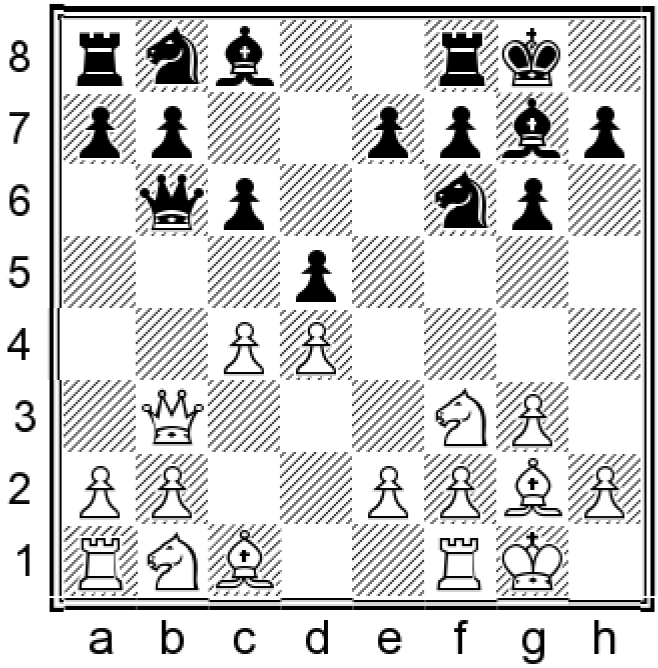
D78
Maghsoodloo 2566 – Mchedlishvili 2609
Baku Olympiad 2016

Ivan Sokolov

- **Country:** Netherlands
- **Born:** 1968
- **Rating:** 2632
- **Peak rating:** 2706
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 1987

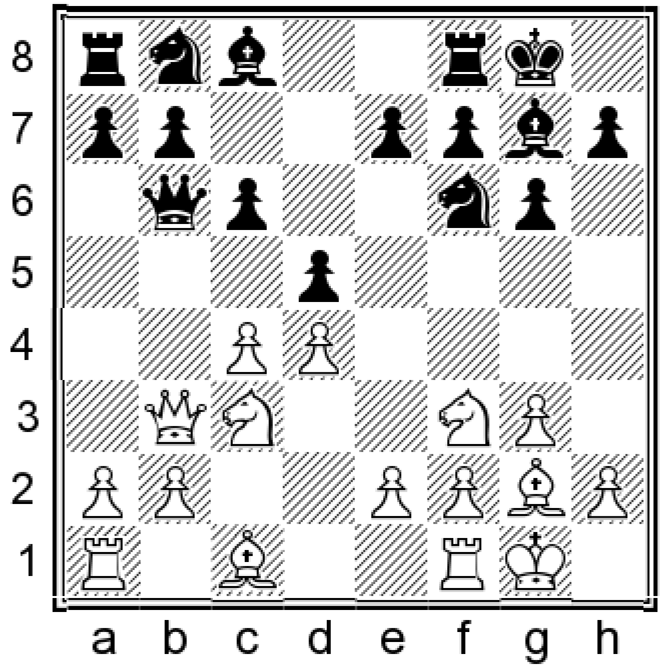
1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.♗g2 ♗g7 4.d4 ♘f6 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 c6 7.♕b3 I chose to play this variation after seeing the game Ivanchuk – Radjabov, Khanty-Mansiysk 2011.

7...♕b6



8.♖d1 *(Sokolov)* This rarely seen move came as a surprise, as we had already agreed during our Tehran training sessions that this move order was imprecise and offered Black easy equality.

[Our analysis in training was focused on 8.♘c3, which is what everyone plays here...



and then:

A) 8...♗f5 can be met by 9.h3!? a seemingly insignificant but nevertheless useful move, thought up by Maxime Vachier-Lagrave and which provides White with the possibility of a timely g3-g4 pawn push. An example of the latent power of this opening was seen in the following game: 9...♘e4 10.cd5 ♘c3 11.bc3 ♕b3 12.ab3 cd5 13.♘d2 ♖d8 14.e4 de4 15.♘e4 ♘a6 16.♗e3 ♗e6 17.♖fc1 ♗b3 18.♖ab1 ♗d5 19.c4 ♗e6 20.d5 ♗c8 21.c5 ♔f8 22.d6 e6 23.♗g5 ♖d7 24.c6 bc6 25.♖c6 ♔e8 26.♘f6 ♗f6 27.♗f6 1:0 Vachier-Lagrave 2718 – Baron 2467, France 2013;

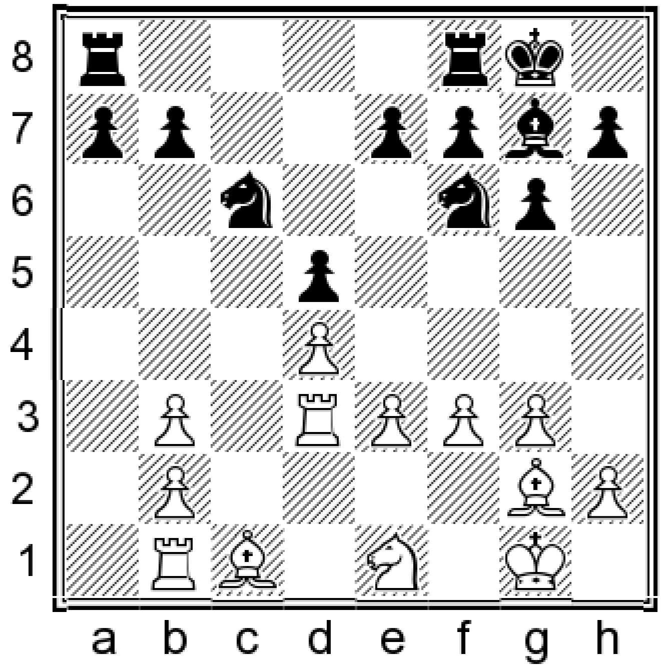
B) 8...♖d8 9.♖d1 (we also analyzed 9.♘a4, a move favoured by Ding Liren. RR Ding Liren 2755 – Adhiban 2646, Hyderabad 2015 – 124/152) 9...♗f5 10.♘e1. The inclusion of ♘c3 ♖d8, compared to the game, should clearly be in White's favour. After 10...♘a6 11.♕b6 ab6 12.cd5 ♘d5 13.♘d5 cd5 14.a3 White managed to convert his microscopic advantage to a win, due to Black's doubled b-pawns, in Ivanchuk 2768 – Radjabov 2744, Khanty-Mansiysk (m/4–rapid) 2011]

8...♗f5 9.cd5 ♕b3
[9...cd5 10.♕b6 ab6 11.♘c3 ♘c6 12.e3 ♘b4 13.♘e1=]

10.ab3
I felt comfortable during the game because I had seen many examples of this type of position and knew White's typical plans.

10...cd5 11.♘e1 ♗e4
[11...♘e4 12.♗e3 ♖d8 13.♘c3∞.]

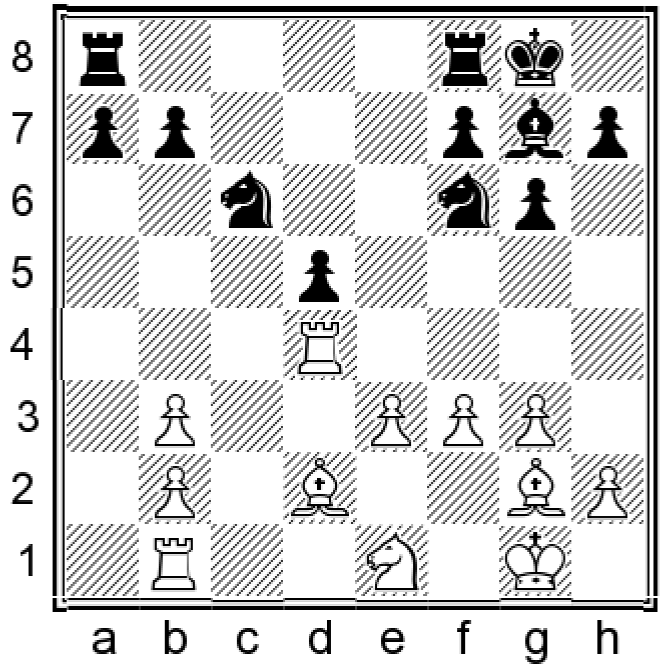
12.f3 ♗b1 After this move it is only White who can realistically play for a win.
13.♖b1 ♘c6 14.e3 ♘a5 15.♖d3 ♘c6 16.♖d1 ♘a5 17.♖d3 ♘c6



Here I checked the positions of my teammates and realized that we needed a full point.

18.♗d2 e5 *(Sokolov)* The position is opening up and we will now see the strength of Parham’s dynamic calculating skills.

19.de5 ♘e5 20.♖d4 ♘c6 21.♖d3 ♘e5 22.♖d4 ♘c6



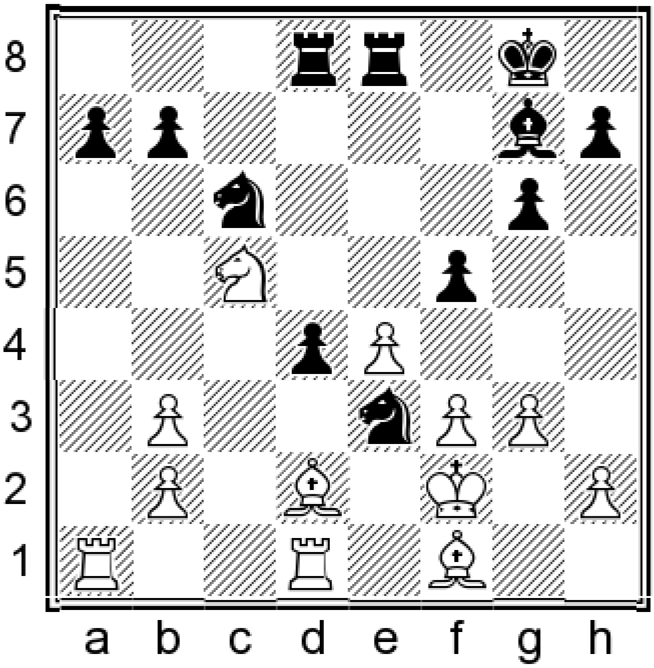
23.♖a4 As I said before, a draw wasn’t good enough, so I had to complicate matters a little.

23...♖fe8 24.♖d1 ♘d7 25.♘d3 ♖ad8 26.♔f2 f5 27.♖aa1 d4 28.♗f1
Finally reaching a complex position in which I would be able to play for a win.

28...♘b6 29.♘c5!
After this move I gain dynamic play with many tactical possibilities.

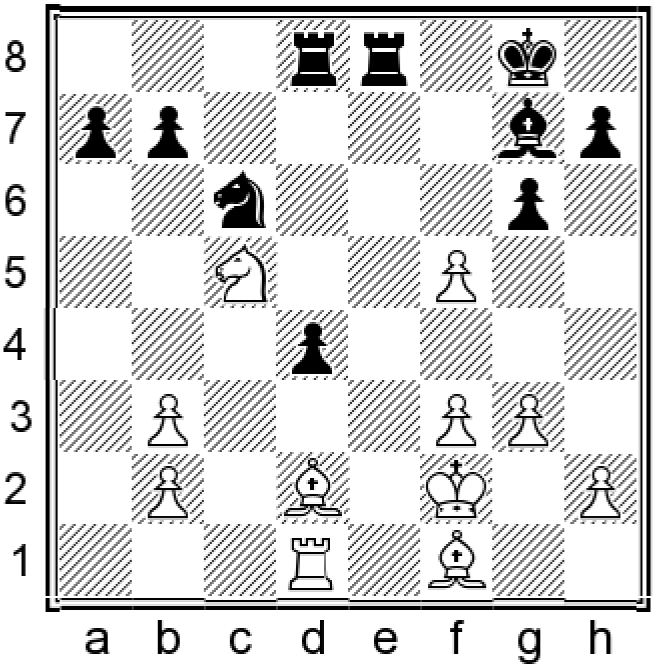
29...♘d5 30.e4 Achieving my ideal position!

30...♘e3



31.ef5 I thought that the best way to proceed here was to sacrifice the exchange, for which White will get enough compensation and a comfortable game.

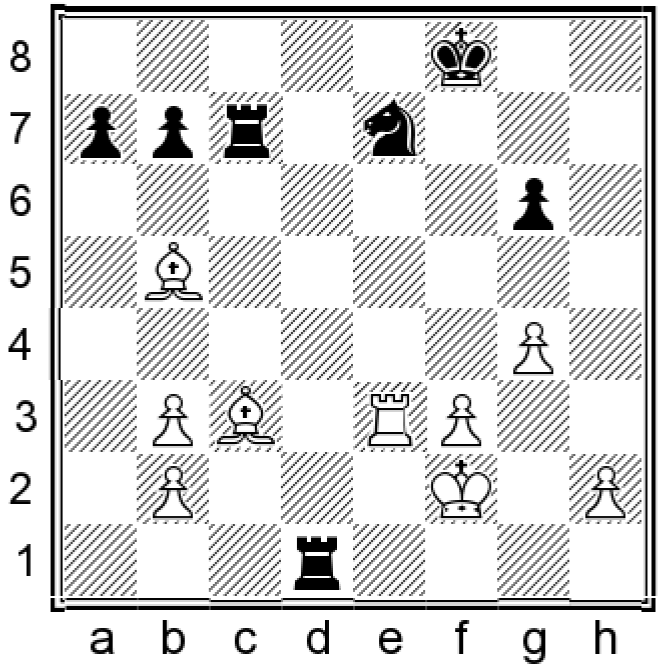
31...♘d1 32.♖d1



32...d3
[A smart move by Black because after 32...gf5 33.♘b7 ♖d7 (33...♖b8 34.♘d6±) 34.♗b5 White would have had a clear advantage.]

33.♘e6 ♖d7 34.♘g7 ♔g7 35.♗c3 ♔f8 36.fg6 hg6 37.♖d3
White’s two bishops will kill Black in this position.

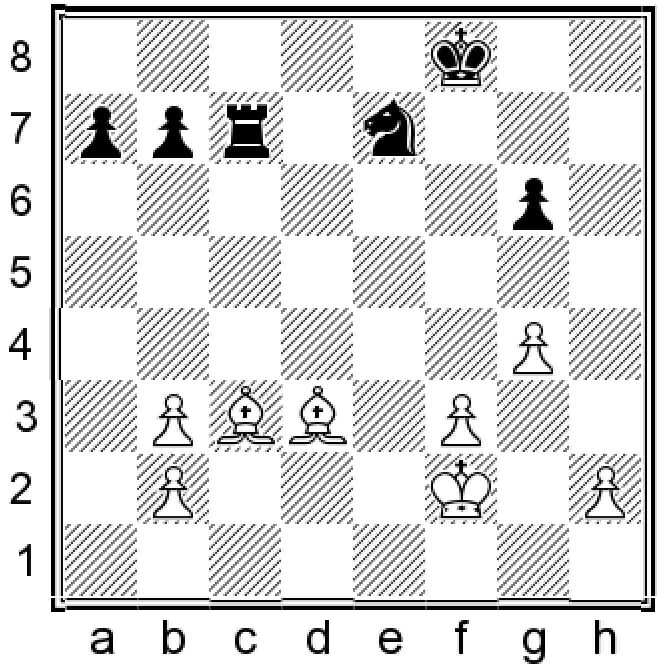
37...♖ed8 38.♖e3 ♘e7 39.♗b5! ♖c7 40.g4 ♖d1



41.♖d3 *(Sokolov)* I was not happy with this decision and thought that the clever thing to do was for White to keep his rook on the board, as it cooperates well with the bishop pair. But Parham had a different idea and decided to trade his rook.

[41.♗b4 would have been my preferred choice here.]

41...♖d3 42.♗d3±



Parham Maghsoodloo. Photo by Paul Truong

Black is under pressure and White's plan is simple: to push the kingside pawns.

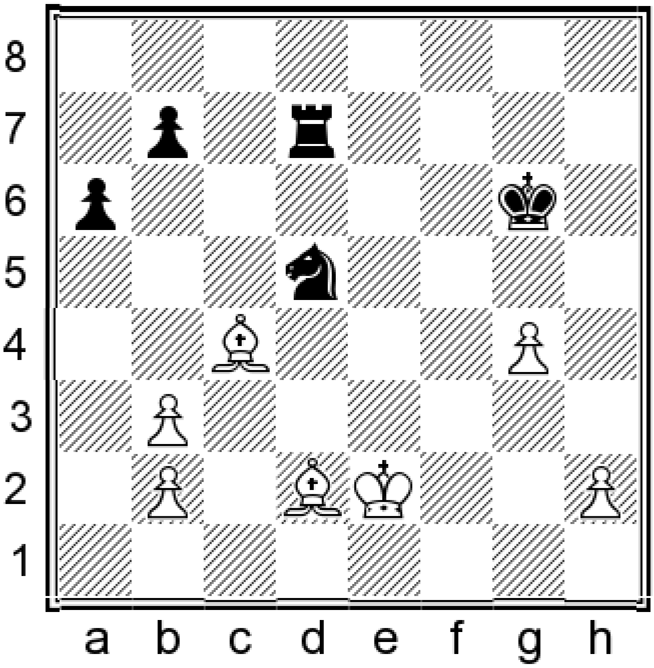
42...♖d7 43.♔e2 ♘d5 44.♗d2

Now White is all ready to advance!

44...♔f7 45.f4 a6 46.f5 ♘e7 47.♗c4
I played my last three moves very quickly. However, after this move I got a little worried because if Black plays 47...♔e8 it's not so easy for me to win. But fortunately and to my relief he immediately played 47...♘d5.

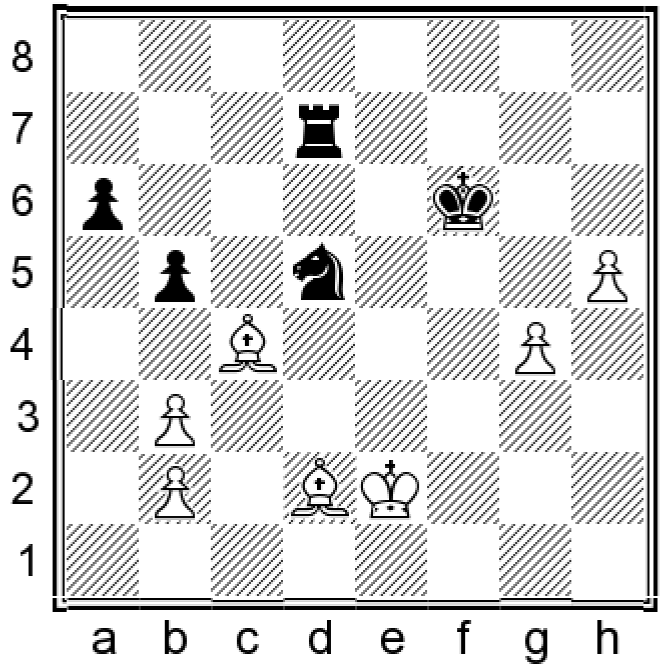
47...♘d5
[47...♔f6 48.♗c3 ♔g5 49.f6; 47...♔e8 48.f6 ♘d5 49.g5± It would have been a difficult decision to allow a protected passed pawn on f6 and it is easy to understand why Mchedlishvili avoided it.]

48.fg6 ♔g6



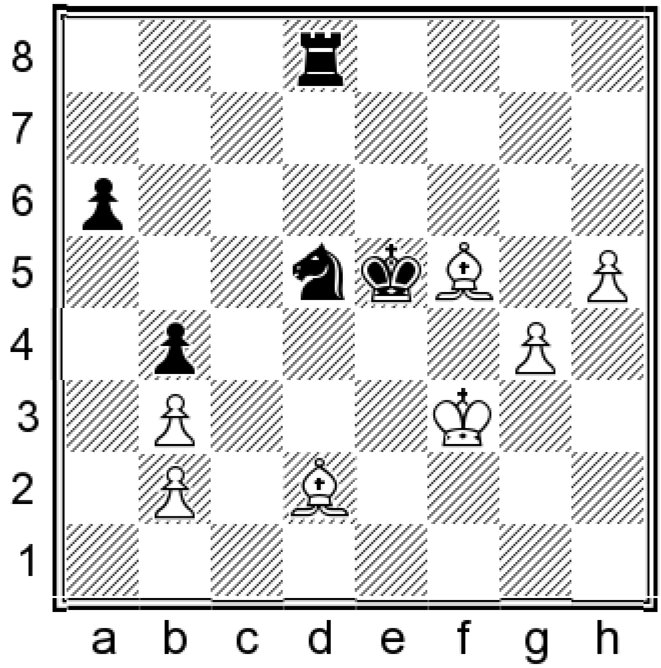
49.h4 I knew that this position was winning for White and all I had to do was find the right plan.

49...♔f6 50.h5 b5



(Sokolov) There was huge time pressure here with both players literally on their 30 seconds increment. As pointed out by Parham in his comments, White had easier ways to victory. However, he never let the win slip.

51.♗d3 ♔e5 52.♗f5 ♖d8 53.♔f3 b4



54.♗h6
[54.♗g5 ♖h8 55.h6 a5 56.♔g3 ♘f6 57.♗f4 ♔d5 58.g5+–]

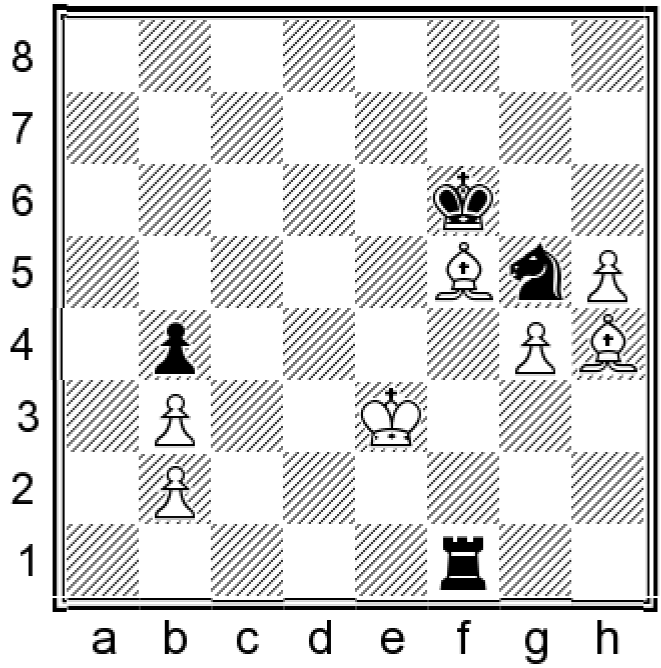
54...♔f6 Here I realized that the winning plan is to take the a6 pawn and go for the b4 pawn with my king.

55.♗d3 ♘f4 56.♗a6 ♘e6 57.♗e3 ♘g5 58.♔f4 ♖d1 59.♗c4 ♘h3 60.♔f3 ♘g5 61.♔e2 ♖d8 62.♗d3
Now I found the best way for my king to head for the b4 pawn.

62...♖e8 63.♗g6! ♖d8 64.♗f2 ♔g7 65.♗g3 ♖d5 66.♔e3 ♔f6 67.♗h4

We were both in time trouble, but White’s game is much easier to play in this position.

67...♖d1 68.♗e4 ♖g1 69.♗f3 ♖f1 70.♗g2 ♖d1 71.♗e4 ♖g1 72.♗f5 ♖f1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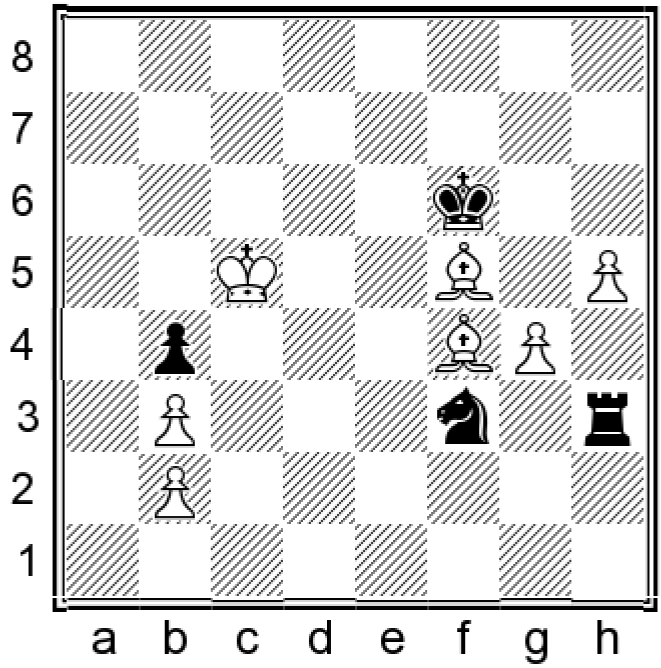
It is time for the king to do its job!

73.♔d3 ♖c1
[73...♖h1 74.♗g5 ♔g5 75.♔c4+–]

74.♔d4 ♖h1 75.♗g3
[75.♗g5 ♔g5 76.♔c5+–]

75...♘f3 76.♔c5 ♖h3 77.♗f4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I didn’t have time to think, so I was just trying to somehow find a way to push the pawns.

77...♘h4 78.♗c2 ♘g2 79.♗d2 ♖h2
[79...♘e3 80.g5 ♔g5 81.♔d4+–]

80.♗g6 ♘h4 81.♗f4 ♖b2 82.g5 ♔e7 83.♗e4 ♖b3 84.♗d6 ♔d7 85.h6 ♖c3 86.♔d5 ♖c6 87.♗e5 ♖c8 88.h7 and Black resigned. A great win for the Iranian team!
1 : 0 Maghsoodloo, Asgarizade

Alireza Firouzja, who turned thirteen just before the Baku Olympiad, was Iran's youngest player. Alireza, one of Iran's victorious World U16 gold medallists, qualified for the Olympiad team by winning the Iranian national men's championship this year! Alireza has original ideas and his style is dynamic, although, as with most 13 year olds, his opening knowledge and positional understanding need some refinement. His win in the following game against Mongolia was Alireza's own choice for this article. I have also added a few comments of my own, again marked.

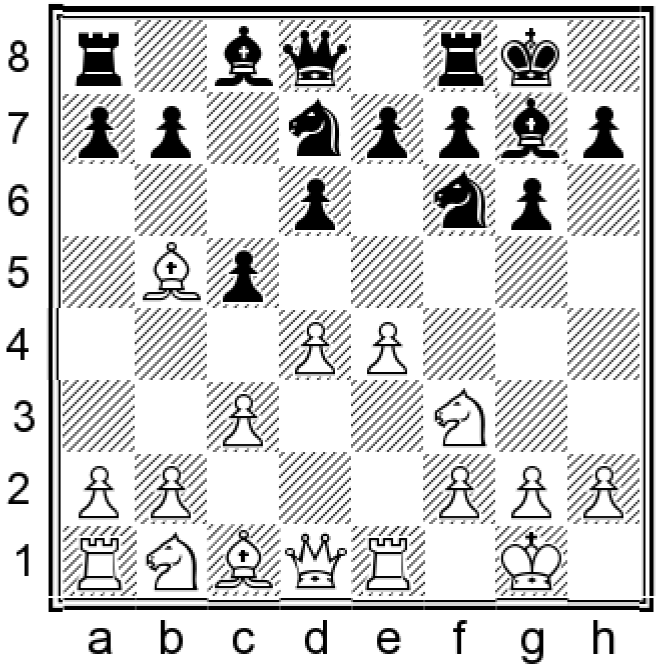
B50
Bilguun 2444 – Firouzja 2463
Baku Olympiad 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.c3!? ♘f6 4.♗e2 g6
[4...♘e4?? 5.♕a4]

5.0-0 ♗g7 6.♗b5!?
[6.♖e1 0-0 7.♗f1 ♘c6]

6...♘bd7
[Perhaps 6...♘c6!? is the move I will choose next time.]

7.♖e1 0-0 8.d4



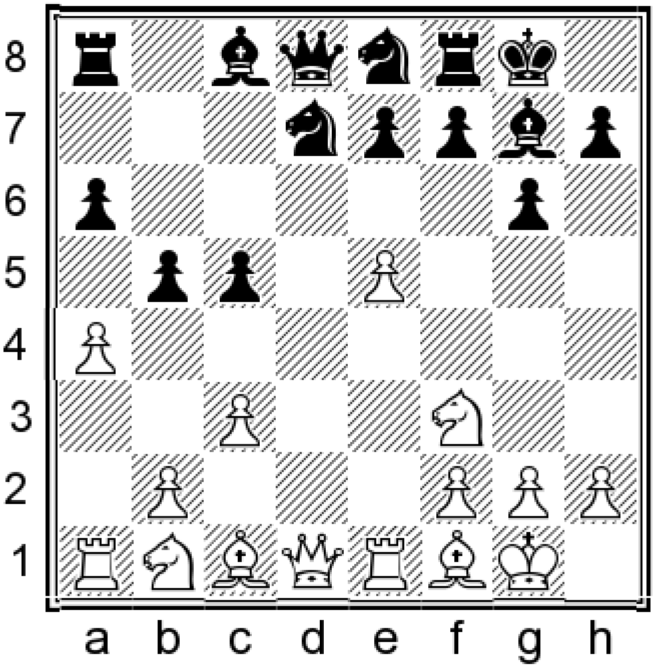
8...a6
[I did not want to exchange pawns, as after 8...cd4 9.cd4 the b1 knight can go to its perfect development square on c3. *(Sokolov)* 8...e5, trying to get a good version of a Breyer-Lopez type of game, was definitely an option for Black here.]

9.♗f1 b5 10.e5
[Before the game, I checked 10.h3 ♖b8 11.♗f4 b4 12.♘bd2 cd4 13.cd4 ♗b7 14.♗h2 ♘b6 15.♗d3 a5 16.♕e2 ♖c8 17.a3

ba3 18.♖a3 a4 19.b3 ♖c3 which led to a good game for Black in Motylev 2686 – Nepomniachtchi 2714, Yaroslavl (rapid) 2014]

10...de5 11.de5 ♘e8N
[RR 11...♘g4 Alikhanov 2305 – Egorov, Saint Petersburg 2002]

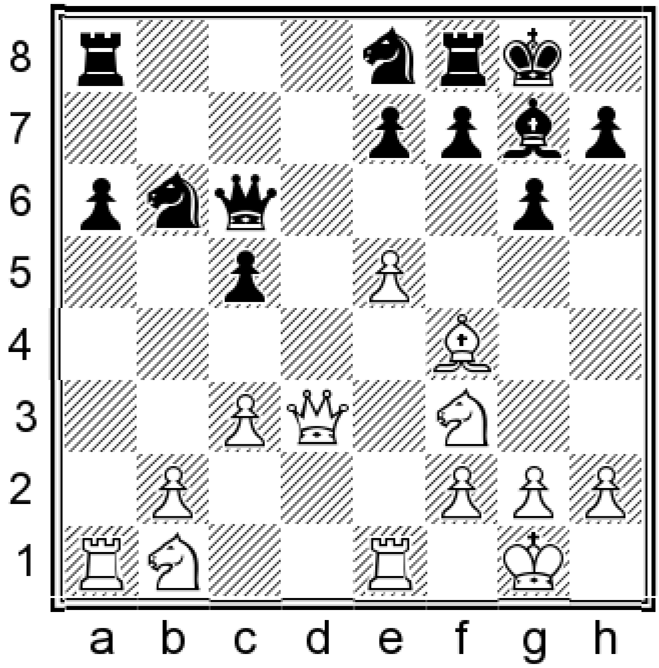
12.a4



12...ba4?! This is a positional mistake, as it damages my own pawn structure.
[12...♖b8 13.ab5 ab5 14.♖a7± with ♘a3 to follow is better for White; but 12...b4!, keeping the a-file closed, was the way to go, since after 13.♘bd2 ♘c7 14.♘c4 ♗b7 Black has a playable position.]

13.♕a4 ♕c7 14.♗f4 ♘b6 15.♕c2?!±
[15.♕a5!± was the correct method of punishing Black's mistaken 12....ba4. White then maintains his queenside pressure, as Black cannot play ...a5-a4 and is saddled with a passive position.]

15...♗f5 16.♗d3 ♗d3 17.♕d3 ♕c6!

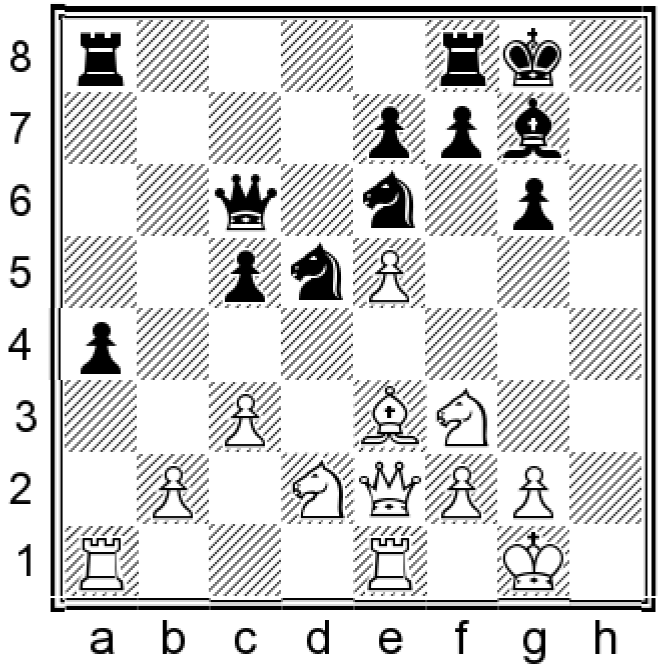


18.♘bd2
[18.♖a6?? c4–+; *(Sokolov)* During the game I was worried about 18.e6 and am surprised that Alireza does not mention this move in his comments. It is not easy for Black to decide how to respond. For example, after 18...f5 (18...fe6 19.♗g3 looks better for White), 19.♖a6 (or 19.♘bd2±) is possible, as 19...c4?? loses to 20.♕d7!+–]

18...♘c7 19.♕e2?!
[19.♗e3!±, with the idea of exchanging queens by ♕e4 and thereby obtaining a pleasant endgame, would have retained White’s advantage: 19...a5 20.♕e4 ♕e4 21.♘e4 ♘c4 22.♗c5]

19...a5!= After solving the problem of his pawn structure with ...a5 and ...a4, Black will now have a good game.

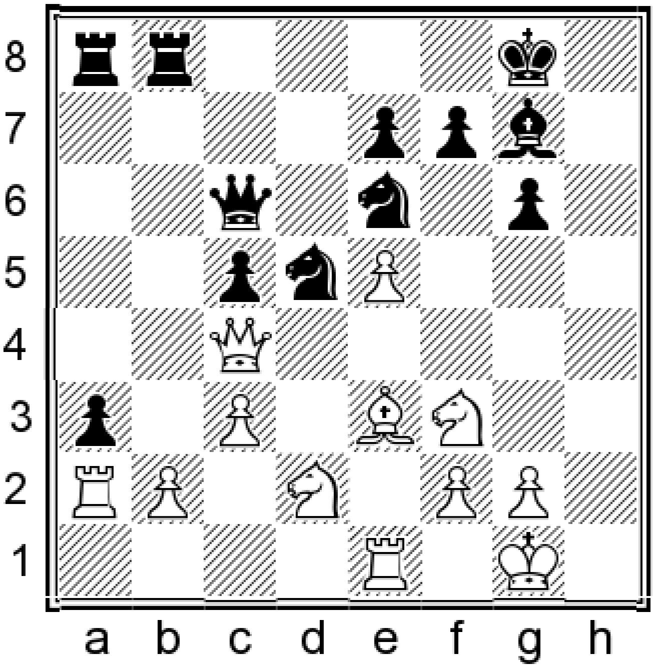
20.h4 a4 21.h5 ♘e6 22.♗e3 ♘d5 23.hg6 hg6



24.♕c4?! *(Sokolov)* White wants to improve the position of his queen, in order to create mating threats. But I am not

sure that this move deserves “?!”.
[24.♘c4= would prevent any ...a4-a3 ideas.]

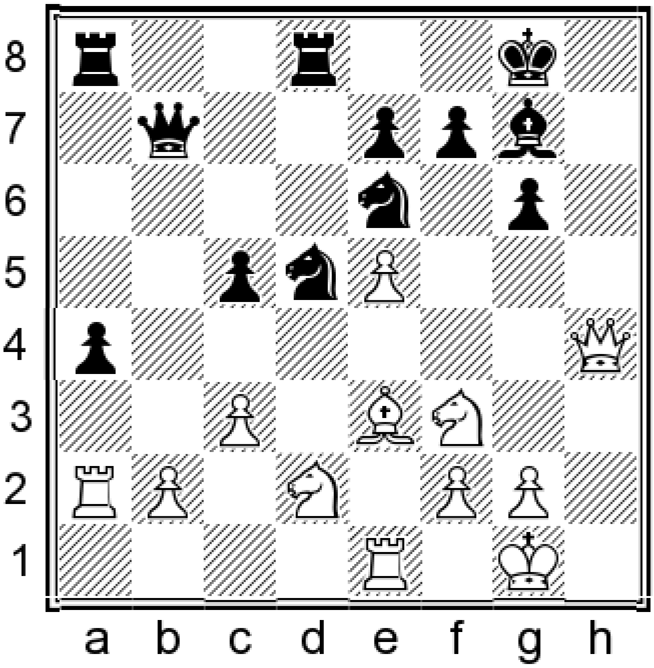
24...♖fb8 25.♖a2 ♖d8?! Time trouble.
[25...a3!



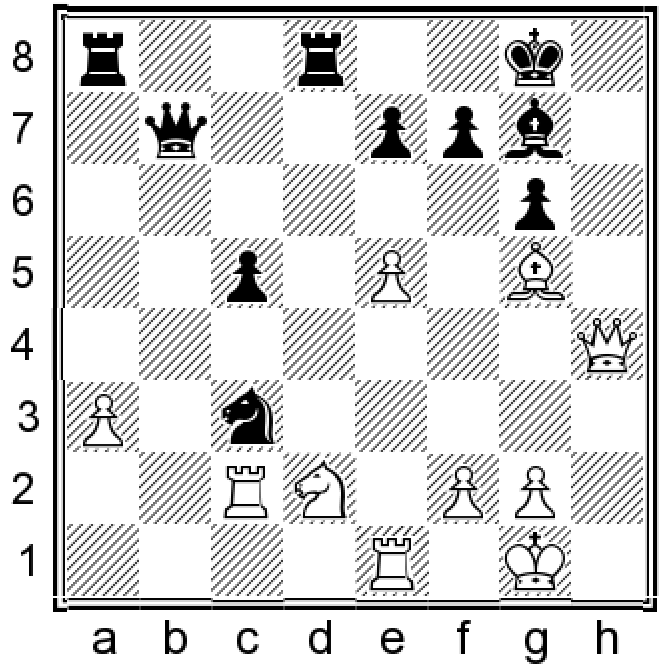
26.♖a3 (*(Sokolov)* Keeping the queenside closed deserves attention 26.b3 ♘e3 27.♖e3=) 26...♘e3! (26...♖b2?! 27.♖a8 ♕a8 28.♗c5±) 27.♖e3 ♗h6 28.♖e1 ♗d2 29.♘d2 ♖b2 30.♖a8 ♕a8 31.♘e4 ♕b8∓]

26.♕h4
[26.♕e4!± and then ♘c4 would have given White a very pleasant position.]

26...♕b7
[Perhaps it would be advisable for Black to capture the white bishop: 26...♘e3 27.♖e3 ♖d7=]

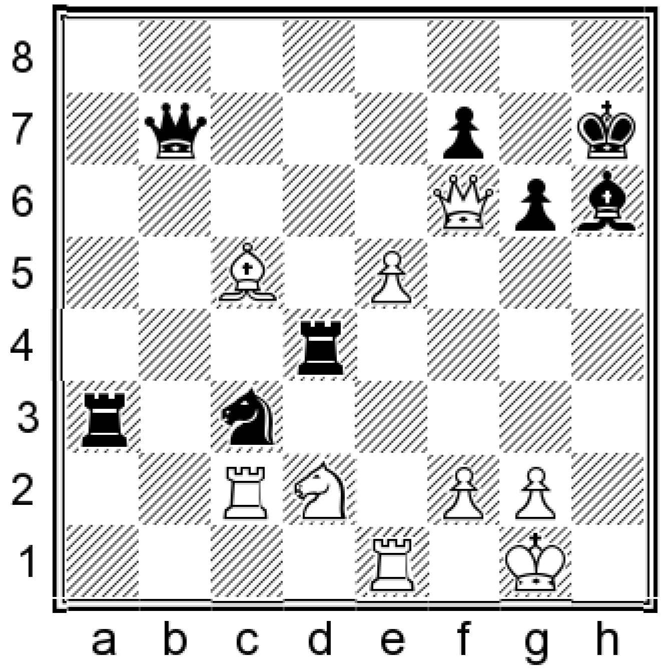


27.♗h6?! *(Sokolov)* Again, I don’t really think this move deserves a “?!”
[27.♘g5! ♘g5 28.♗g5 a3! 29.ba3 ♘c3 30.♖c2±



(Sokolov) It is not clear whether White has anything here, it just looks all rather complicated.

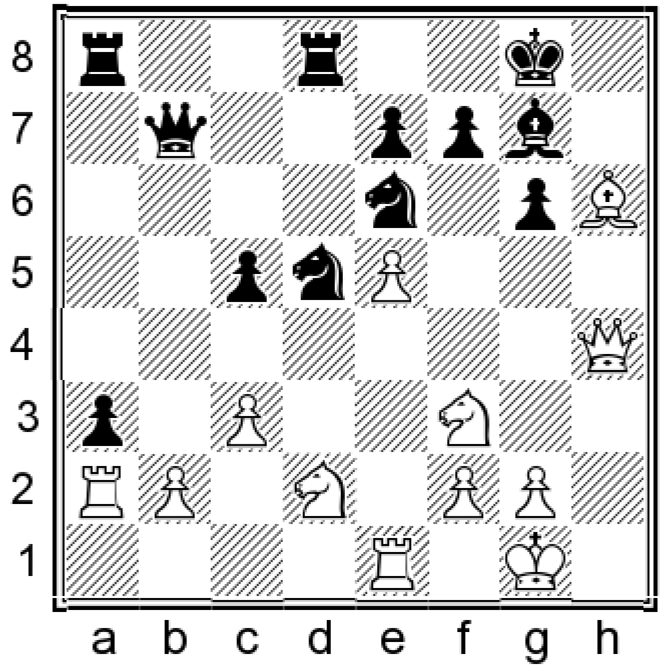
A) After 30...♖a3 31.♗e7 ♖d4 32.♕g5 ♔h7, preparing ...♗h6, (32...♕b4∞) 33.♗c5 (33.♘f3 ♖e4∞) 33...♗h6 34.♕f6



this tactical skirmish might end in a draw after 34...♘e2 35.♖e2 ♖a1 36.♘f1 (36.♔h2?? ♗f4–+) 36...♖f1 37.♔f1 ♖d1 38.♖e1 ♖e1 39.♔e1 ♕b1 40.♔e2 ♕c2 41.♔f3 ♕c5 42.♕f7 ♗g7 43.e6=;

B) 30...♖a4 31.♕g3 ♘b5!∞ is another satisfactory way for Black.]

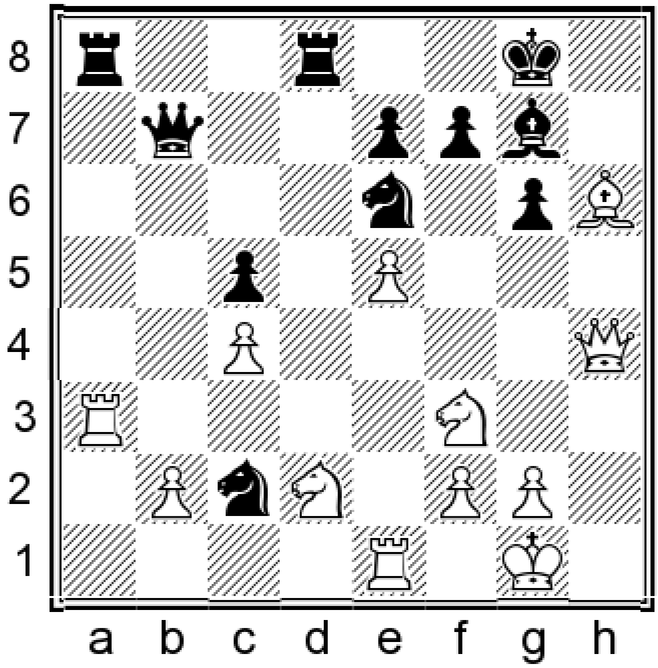
27...a3!



Alireza Firouzja. Photo by Paul Truong

But now I felt confident about my counterplay!

28.c4 ♘b4 29.♖a3 ♘c2



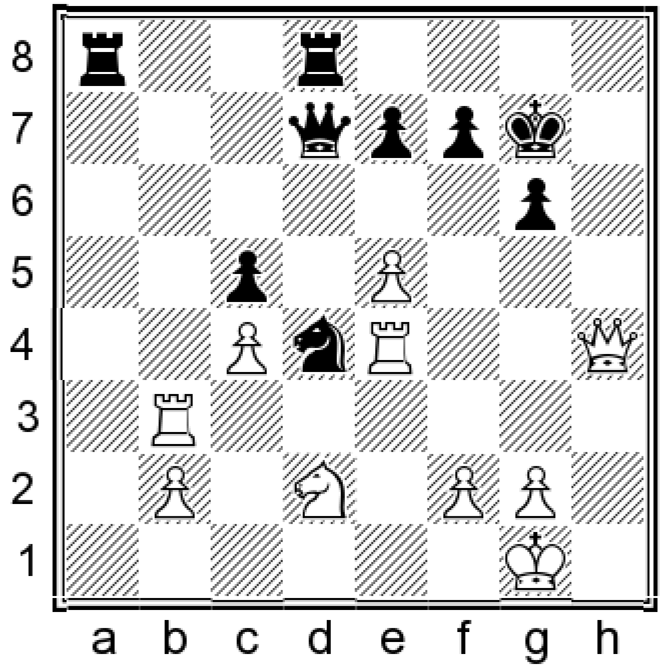
30.♖b3? This tempo-gaining move proves to be a serious mistake. White is very keen to maintain the attack and include ideas involving ♖h3, but here this simply will not work.

[30.♖a8 ♕a8 31.♗g7 ♔g7 32.♖b1 ♕b7=]

30...♕d7∓

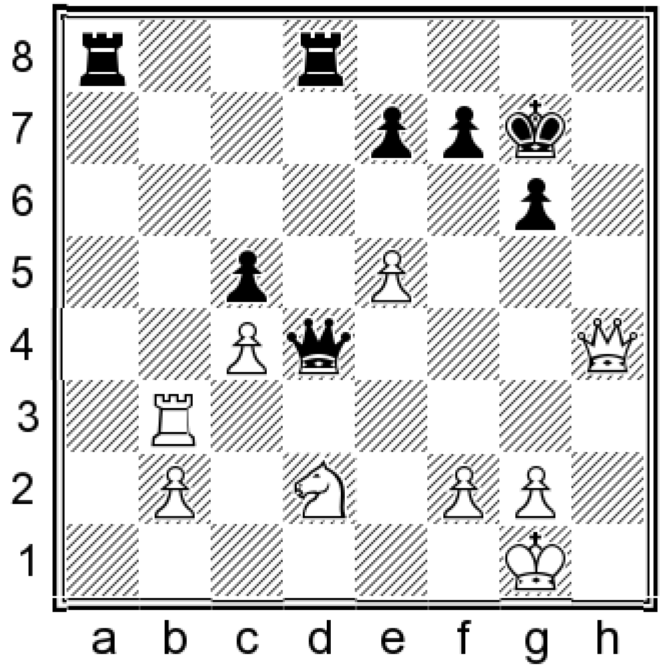
[Now Black has the unpleasant threat of ...♘d4 with tempo, hitting the ♖b3 and threatening ...♘f5.]

31.♖e4 ♘cd4 32.♘d4 ♘d4 33.♗g7 ♔g7
[Intending ...♘f5 when both the white queen and knight are under attack.]



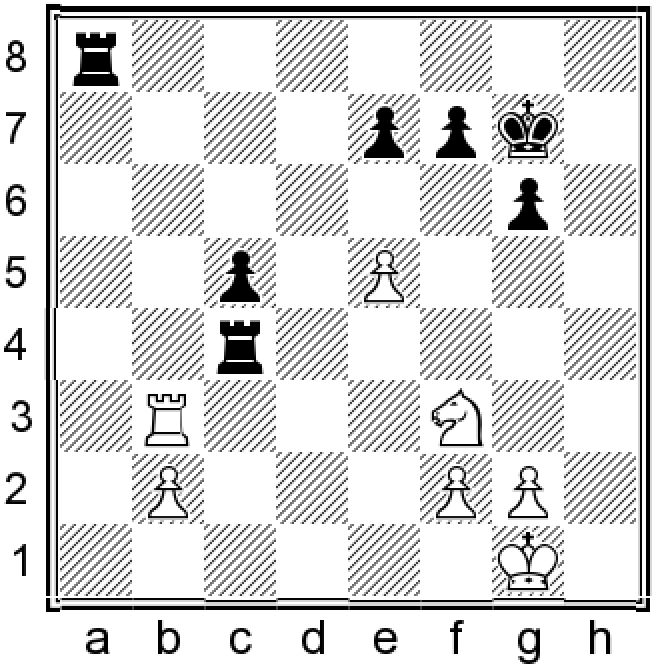
34.♖d4? The last mistake.
[34.♖h3 was only chance, though White’s position is difficult after 34...♖h8 35.♕g4 ♕a4!∓ and ♕c2]

34...♕d4–+



35.♕d4
[Perhaps White simply blundered, but after 35.♕e7 ♖a1 (not 35...♕d2?? 36.♕f6 ♔g8 37.♖h3+–) he does not have a good reply, e.g. 36.♔h2 ♕f4–+ or 36.♘f1 ♖f1–+]

35...♖d4 Black is the exchange up in the endgame and the rest is easy.
36.♘f3 ♖c4



37.♖b7 ♔f8 38.g3 ♖b4 39.♖c7 ♖b2 40.e6 ♖a1 41.♔g2 ♖aa2 42.♘e5 ♖f2 43.♔h3 ♖ae2 44.♖c5 ♖f5 45.♘d7 ♔g7 46.ef7 ♔f7 47.♖c4 ♖e3 48.♔g4 ♔e6 49.♘b6 ♖ff3 50.♔g5 ♖g3 51.♔h6 ♔f5 52.♘d5 ♖h3 53.♔g7 ♖e5 54.♖d4 g5 55.♔f7 ♖h7 56.♔g8 ♖h4 57.♖d1 ♔g6 58.♘b6 g4 59.♘d7 ♖g5 60.♔f8 g3 61.♔e7 g2 62.♖d6 ♔g7

0 : 1 Firouzja

Shahin Lorparizangeneh, 17 years old at the time of the Baku Olympiad, is the oldest of the four boys. Shahin’s style of play is predominantly positional. His opening repertoire is also reasonably well developed. In Baku, Shahin scored a GM norm and his win against Luke McShane proved to be a decisive factor in the Iranian team’s drawn match with England.

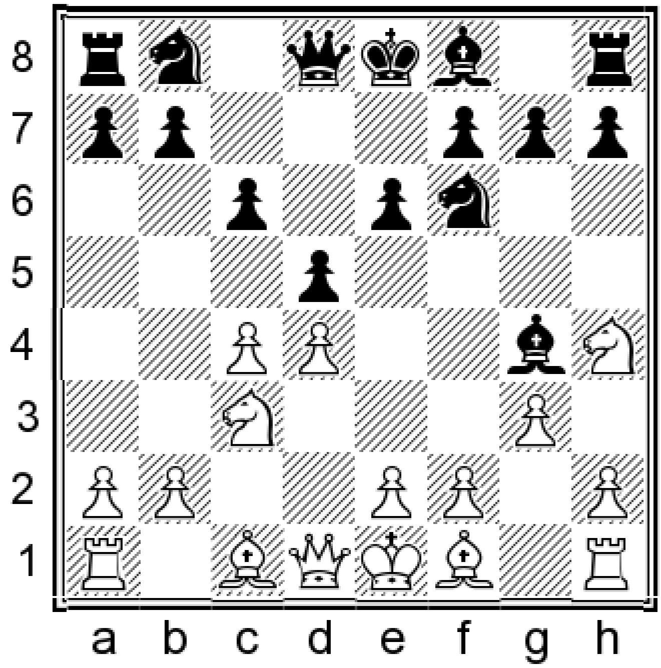
D11
Lorparizangeneh 2478 – McShane 2671
Round 9, Baku Olympiad 2016

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.g3 ♗f5 5.♘c3 e6 6.♘h4

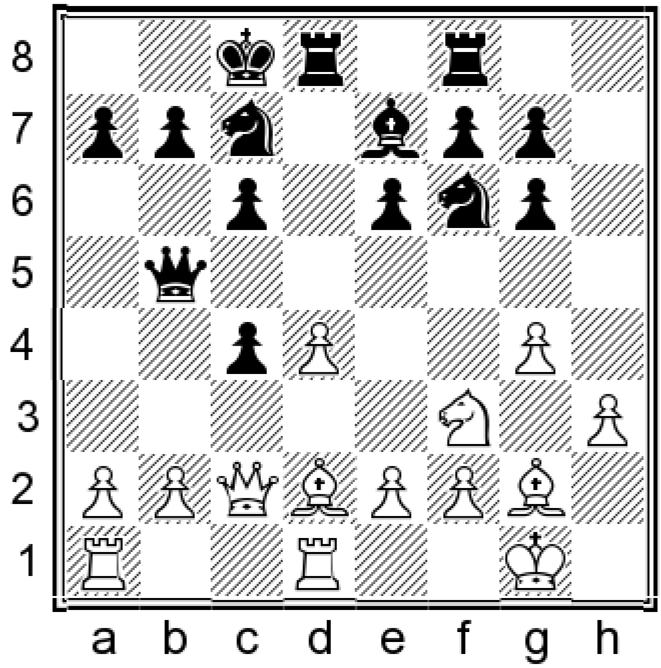
Black has tried different moves here, and McShane chooses one that is seldom played.

6...♗g4

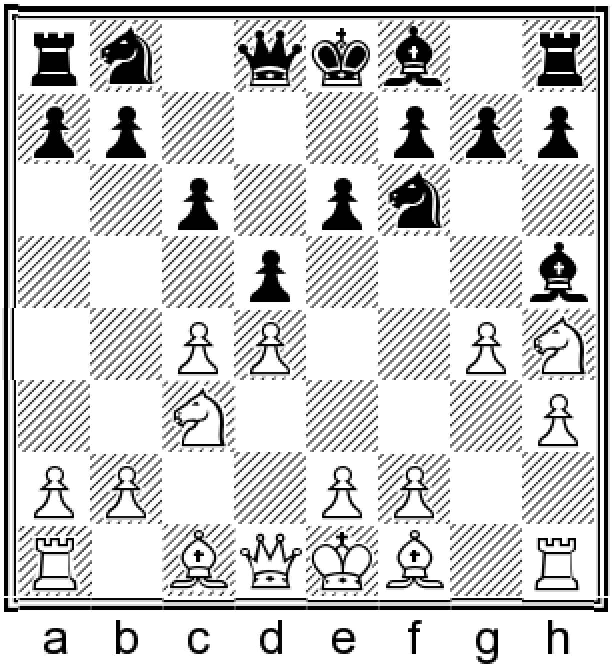
[6...♗e4; 6...♗g6 have often been seen at top level, while 6...dc4 7.♘f5 ef5 8.e3 ♘bd7 9.♗c4 ♘b6 10.♗b3 h5 11.♕d3 ♕d7 moves the game towards a version that is favourable for White and where White’s a-pawn is still on a2 instead of a4, as was the case in the drawn game, Mamedyarov 2764 – Tomashevsky 2701, Baku 2014. Here White has various ways to chase Black’s light-squared bishop.



7.f3 By driving back the opponent’s bishop in this way, White’s idea is also to prepare the e2-e4 pawn push.
[One interesting game by Gelfand went 7.♕b3 ♕b6 8.h3 ♗h5 9.g4 ♗g6 10.♘g6 hg6 11.♗g2 ♘a6 12.♗f4 ♕b4 when White decided on a pawn sacrifice: 13.0-0 dc4 14.♕c2 0-0-0 15.♖fd1 ♗d6 16.♗g5 ♘c7 17.♘e4 ♗e7 18.♗d2 ♕b5 19.♘g5 ♖hf8 20.♘f3↑



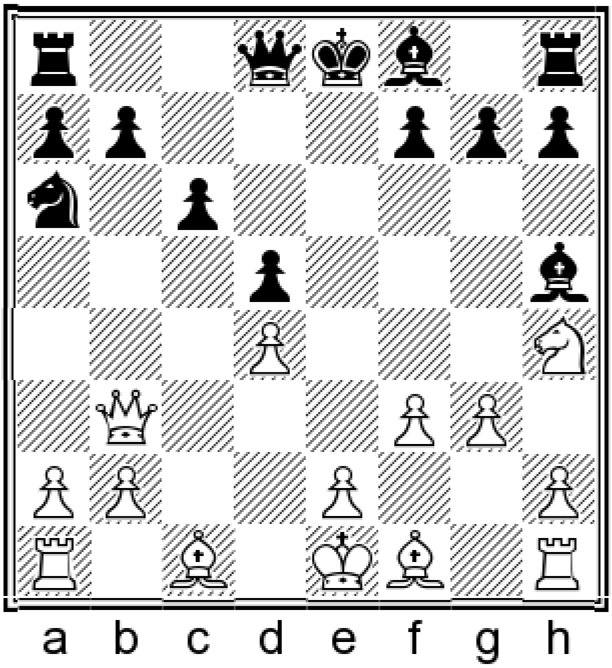
Now White has an excellent Catalan-type setup as compensation for the pawn. Your engine may assess this around 0.00, but in fact the position is much easier to play for White: 20...♘cd5 21.♖dc1 ♗b4 22.♗g5 ♘b6 23.e4↑ c5?? 24.a3 cd4 25.ab4 d3 26.♕d1+– Gelfand 2734 – Inarkiev 2730, Magas (m/4–rapid) 2016;
An immediate bishop chase with 7.h3 ♗h5 8.g4



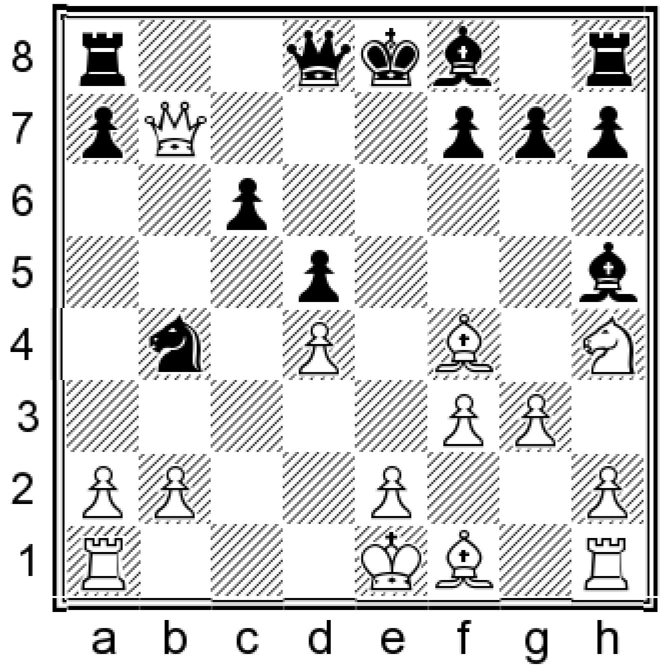
...also looks better for White: 8...♘fd7 (8...♘e4 9.♘e4 de4 10.♕b3± Ragger 2632 – Nguyen 2621, Dubai (blitz) 2014) 9.♕b3 b6 10.♘g2 ♗g6 11.♘f4 dc4 12.♕c4 b5 13.♕b3 b4 14.♘g6 hg6 15.♘e4± Grischuk 2779 – Zvjaginsev 2659, Khanty-Mansiysk (rapid) 2013]

7...♗h5 8.♕b3 ♕b6

[Another fairly recent game went 8...♘a6 9.cd5 ♘d5 10.♘d5 ed5? (10...cd5 11.♗d2±)



when White missed the not difficult to calculate 11.♕b7! (instead of the game continuation 11.♘f5 ♗b4 12.♔f2 0-0 13.a3 ♗g6 14.♘h4 ♕a5 15.♗f4 ♗d2 16.e3 c5± although Black did eventually escape with a draw in Wagner 2499 – Bluebaum, 2521, Baden-Baden 2014) 11...♘b4 12.♗f4!

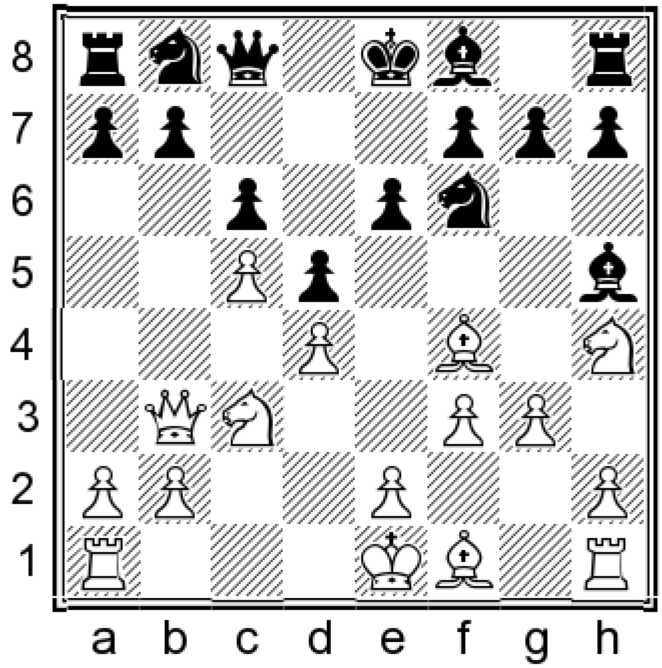


12...g5 (12...♘c2?? 13.♔d1 ♘a1 14.♕c6+) 13.♗g5 ♖b8 14.♕a7 ♖a8 15.♗d8 ♖a7 16.♗f6 ♘c2 17.♔f2 ♘a1 18.♗h8+– since even if Black collects both the a and b pawns, White will still be a sound pawn up with a superior position.]

9.c5 ♕c7

[Endgames of the type reached after 9...♕b3!? 10.ab3 ♘a6 11.g4 (the typical exchange sacrifice 11.♖a6?! ba6 does not really work here for White.) 11...♗g6 12.♘g6 hg6 13.e3 ♘c7 14.b4 a6 are not to everyone’s taste, as White does have a safe long term space advantage, whereas Black has limited or no counterplay. It will however prove difficult for White to break through.]

10.♗f4 ♕c8

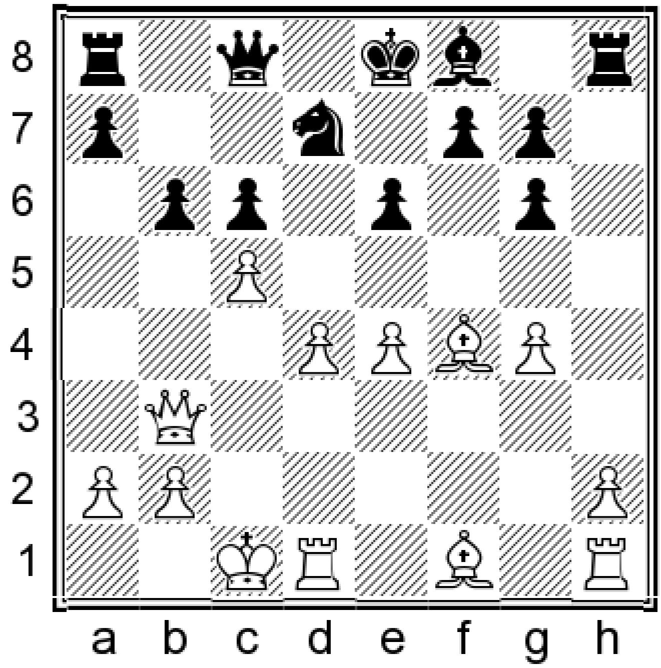


11.g4! White goes for an immediate pawn push.

[11.♗h3 ♗e7 (11...b6!? 12.cb6 ab6 13.♕b6 ♘bd7 14.♕b3 ♗e7⯹) 12.0-0 ♘bd7 13.e4 0-0 14.g4 ♗g6 15.♘g6 hg6 16.e5 ♘e8 17.♗e3 b6∞ had been previously seen in Riazantsev 2700 – Felgaer 2586, Tromso (m/5–blitz)]

11...♗g6 12.e4 ♗e7

[Capturing with 12...de4?! is risky for Black, to say the least, as White is ahead in development and better prepared if the position should open up.) 13.♘g6 (also possible is 13.fe4 ♗e4 14.♘e4 ♘e4 15.g5 ♗e7 16.♘f3↑ with 17.♕e3 or 17.♗d3 to follow.) 13...hg6 14.♘e4 ♘e4 (14...♘d5 15.♘d6 ♗d6 16.♗d6±) 15.fe4 ♘d7 16.0-0-0 Now Black's counterplay is based on 16...b6.



A) However with the black king still in the centre, such a strategy does not seem to work, e.g. 17.♗c4, threatening 18.♗e6, then 17...♗e7 18.♗d6 bc5 19.♗e6! ♗d6 20.♗f7 ♔d8 21.dc5 ♘c5 22.♕c3 (22.♖d6 ♔e7 23.♕g3 ♔f7 24.♕f2 ♔g8 25.♕c5 ♕g4±) 22...♔e7 (22...♔c7?? 23.♕a5+–) 23.e5 ♔f7 24.ed6 ♕g4 (24...♘d7?? 25.♕c4+–) 25.♕c5±;

B) White can also choose the quiet but useful move 17.♔b1!? bc5 (17...♗e7 18.♗c4 0-0 19.♗d6±) 18.♗c4 ♗e7 (18...cd4 19.♗e6+–) 19.d5±]

13.g5N

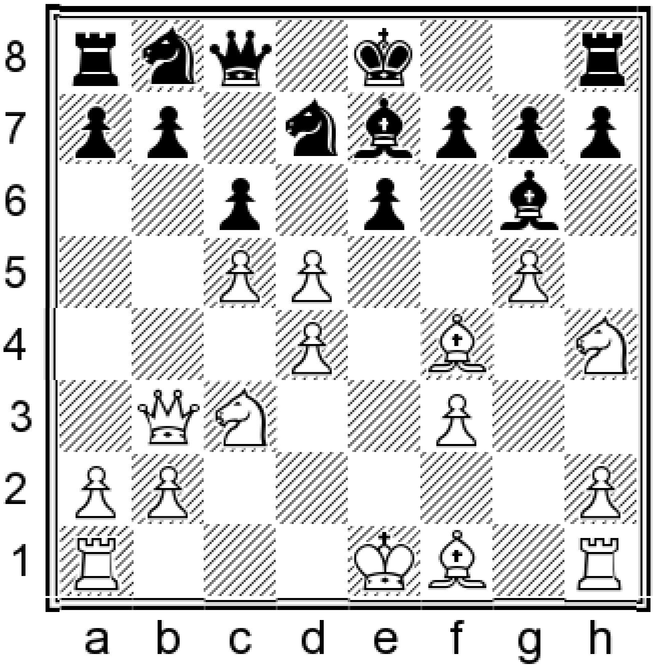
[13.0-0-0 ♘bd7 14.♗d6⩲; RR 13.♘g6 Jirka 2457 – Gatterer 2302, Pardubice 2008]

Where to retreat the knight is not an easy choice.

13...♘fd7

[13...♘h5±]

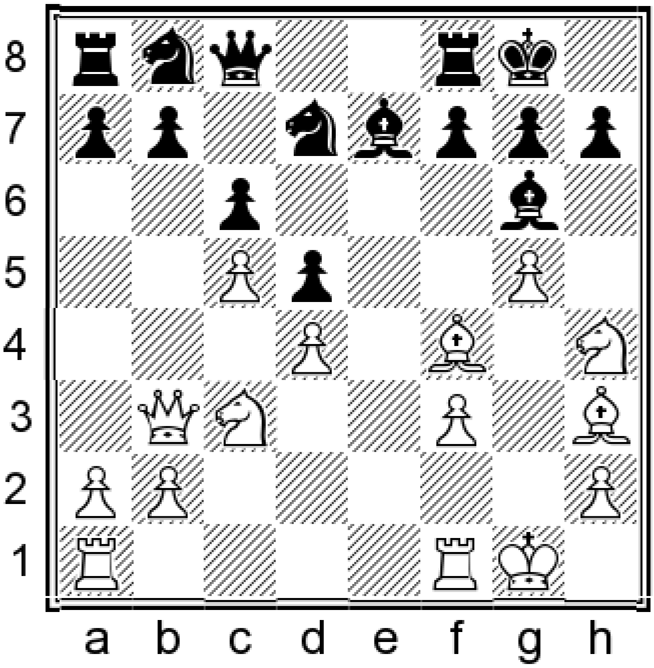
14.ed5



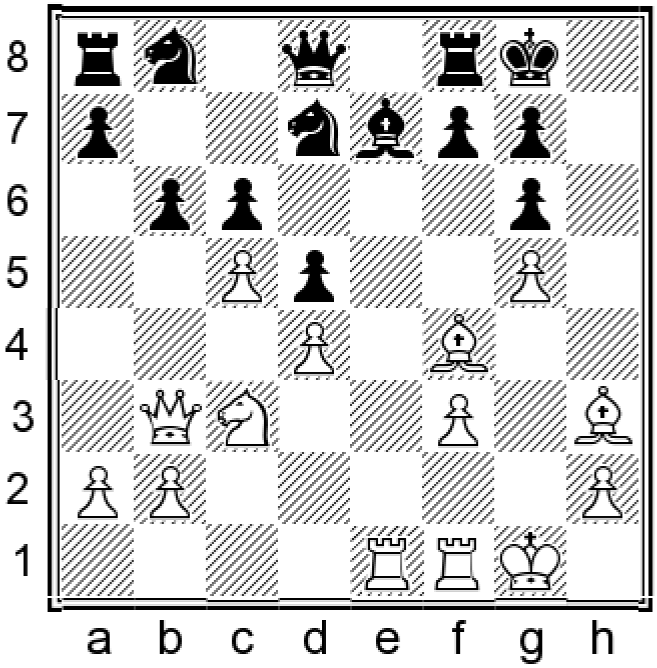
Now Black commits a serious and, in a higher sense, decisive mistake!

14...ed5? This strategic blunder will allow White an everlasting h3-c8 diagonal pin and will doom Black to passive defence.
[14...cd5 was necessary. White is better, but Black is still in the game. 15.♘b5 ♘c6 (15...0-0 16.♘d6±) 16.♖d1 (16.♘c7?! ♔f8 17.♘a8 ♘d4 18.♘g6 hg6 19.♕c3 e5∞) 16...0-0 17.♘d6 ♗d6 18.♗d6 ♖e8±.]

15.♗h3± 0-0 16.0-0
[16.♔f2±]



16...♖d8 This leaves Black boxed-in.
[However, in the case of the active 16...b6, McShane probably did not like the following direct line of play: 17.♖ae1 ♕d8 18.♘g6 hg6

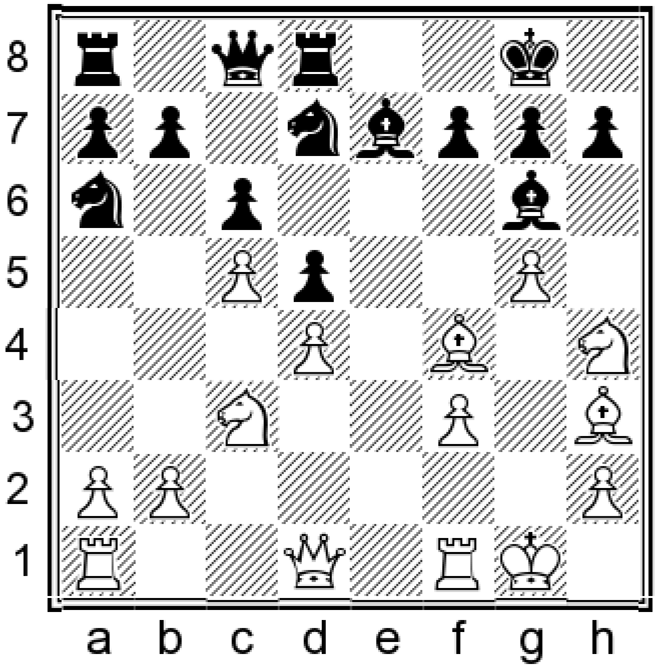


19.♘d5! cd5 (19...♗g5 20.♗c7 ♕c8 21.♗d6 cd5 22.♕d5+–) 20.♕d5 ♘c5 21.♕a8 ♕d4 22.♗e3 ♕b2 23.♕a7± and White is a sound exchange up.]

17.♕d1 White aims to be ready to answer Black's ...b7-b6 with b2-b4 and equally to bring over his queen for a kingside attack.

[17.♖fe1± ♗f8 18.♘g6 hg6 19.♕c2 also promised White a large advantage, as Black is hemmed in with zero counterplay. 19...b6 (This attempt at counterplay simply does not work, but if 19...♘a6 then 20.a3 with 21.b4 to follow) 20.b4 a5 21.cb6 ♕b7 (21...ab4 22.♘d5+–) 22.ba5+–]

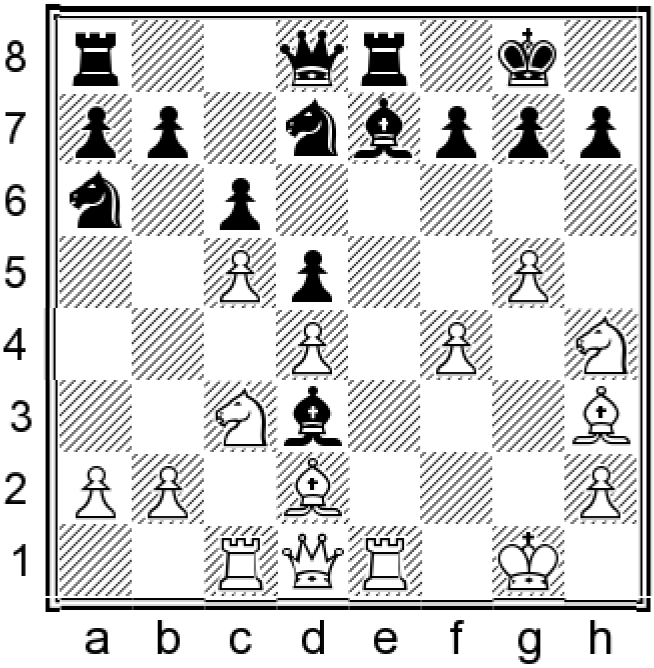
17...♘a6



White understands that Black's only counterplay is related to ...b7-b6 and he positions himself for this.

18.♖c1 ♖e8 19.♗d2! Preparing a kingside pawn advance.

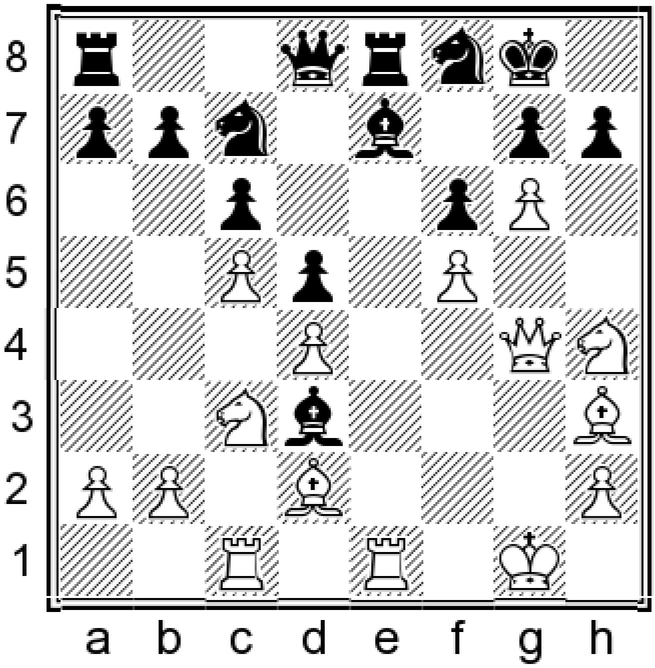
19...♕d8 20.f4 ♗d3 21.♖e1
[21.♖f3 ♗e4 22.♖g3→ was also possible.]



Shahin Lorparizangeneh. Photo by Paul Truong

21...♘c7
[In practical terms, perhaps Luke had to go for the piece sacrifice 21...♘dc5 22.dc5 ♗c5 23.♔h1± although it is understandable if he thought the moment had not yet arrived to take such drastic measures.]

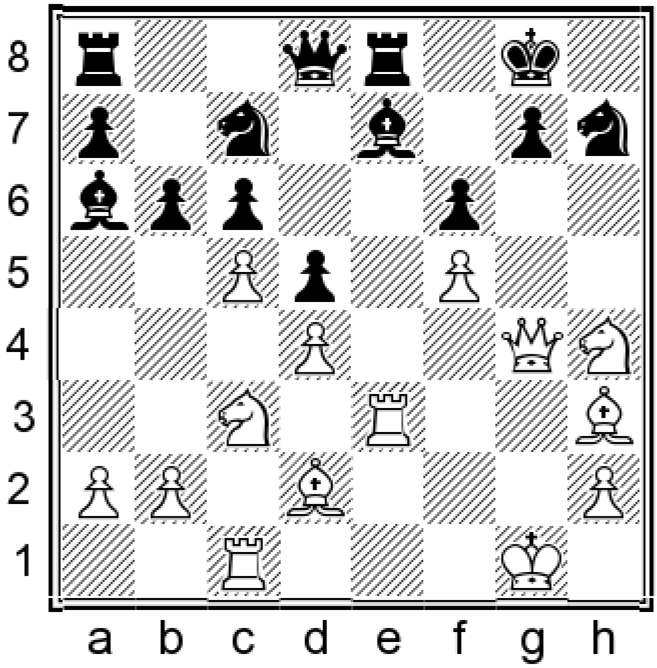
22.♕g4 ♘f8 23.f5! f6 24.g6



24...b6 Black is hoping to generate counterplay.
[24...h6 is met by 25.♗f4 when the threat is 26.♕g3

with the win of a piece. Then 25...♗a6 26.♖e3 b6 27.b4 bc5 28.bc5± looks terribly passive for Black.]

25.♖e3 ♗a6 26.gh7 ♘h7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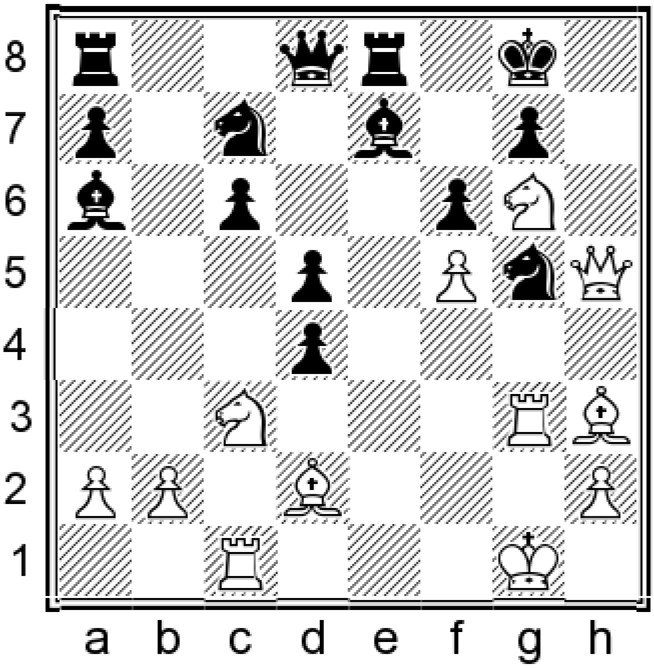
White has tremendous kingside attacking prospects. However, time pressure was approaching and we can clearly see an area that Shahin needs to work on! Already possessing a sound positional feel for the game, he now definitely needs to work on his attacking and tactical skills. Here he continues to delay any delivery of a direct blow and instead tries to win the game by positional means and almost lets things slip. After playing an excellent positional game, White has now come to the time of execution and such an execution is almost always tactical!

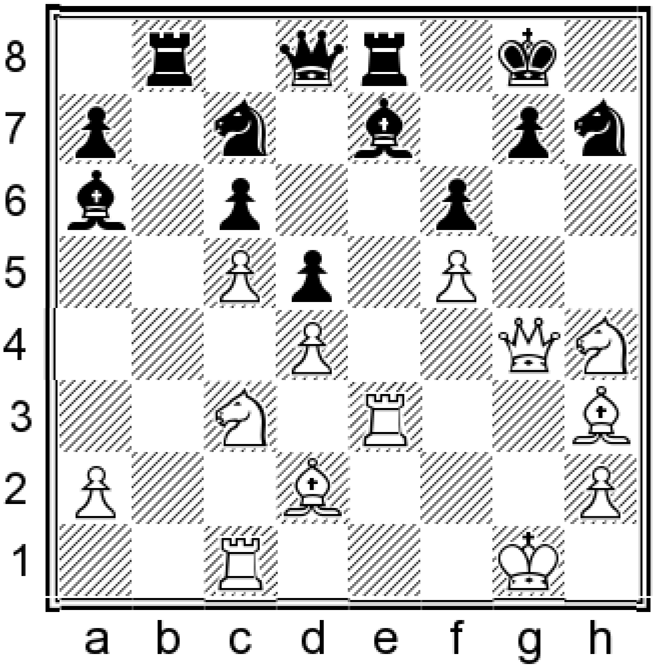
27.b4

[27.♖g3 would have led to a mating attack: 27...♘g5 (27...♗f8 loses to 28.♘g6 ♕d7 29.♕h5 bc5 Now White's ♗h3 joins the attack. 30.♗g4!+– cd4 31.♖h3 dc3 32.♘e7! ♗e7 33.♕h7 ♔f8 34.♕h8 ♔f7 35.♗h5 g6 36.♗g6) 28.♘g6 bc5 29.♕h5 cd4



And here comes a nice forced mate involving a king hunt! 30.♖g5 fg5 31.♕h8 ♔f7 32.♘e5 ♔f6 33.♕h5! ♔e5 How can White now mate the enemy king in the centre of the board? 34.♗f4! gf4 (34...♔f4 35.♖e1 with 36.♕g4 mate to follow.) 35.f6 ♔d6 (or 35...g5 36.♕g5 ♔d6 37.♘e4 de4 38.♕c5; 35...♔f6 36.♕f5) 36.♘e4 de4 37.♕c5]

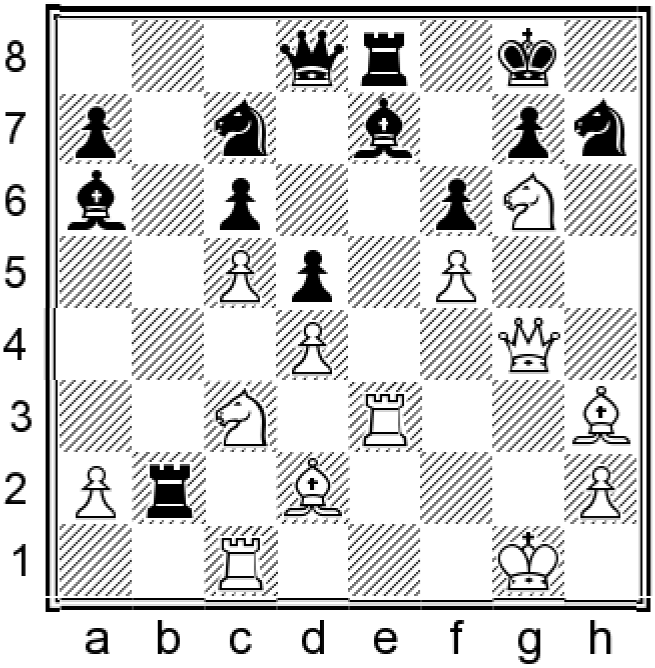
27...bc5 28.bc5 ♖b8



29.♘g6

[29.♖g3 again led to a winning attack: 29...♘g5 30.♘g6 ♖b2 31.♕h5 ♘f7 (31...♖d2 32.♖g5 fg5 33.♕h8 ♔f7 34.♘e5 ♔f6 35.♕h5+–) 32.♗f4 and Black has no counterplay. 32...♖b4 33.♔h1 ♖d4 34.♖cg1+– ♗c5 35.♘e7 ♔f8 36.♖g7 with mate on the next move.]

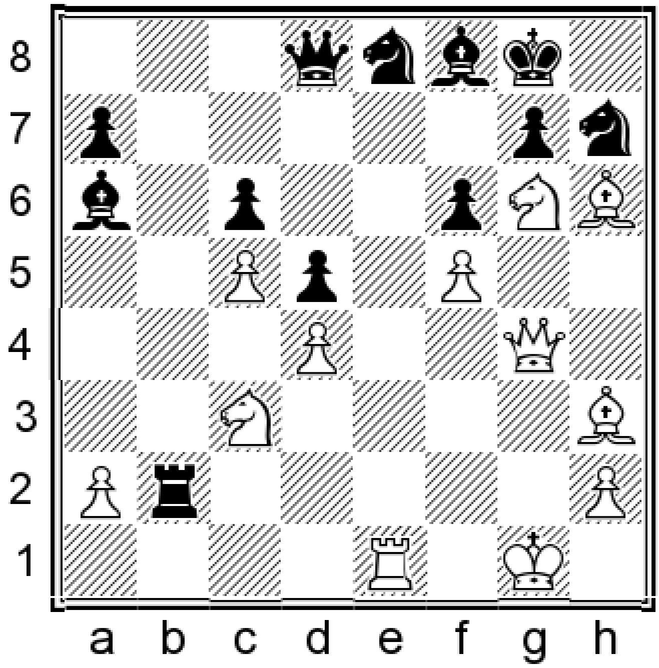
29...♖b2



Now both players were in serious time pressure. White misses a tactical execution and again elects for a positional solution.

30.♘e7?

[30.♖ce1 was the way to proceed: 30...♗f8 31.♖e8 ♘e8 32.♗h6

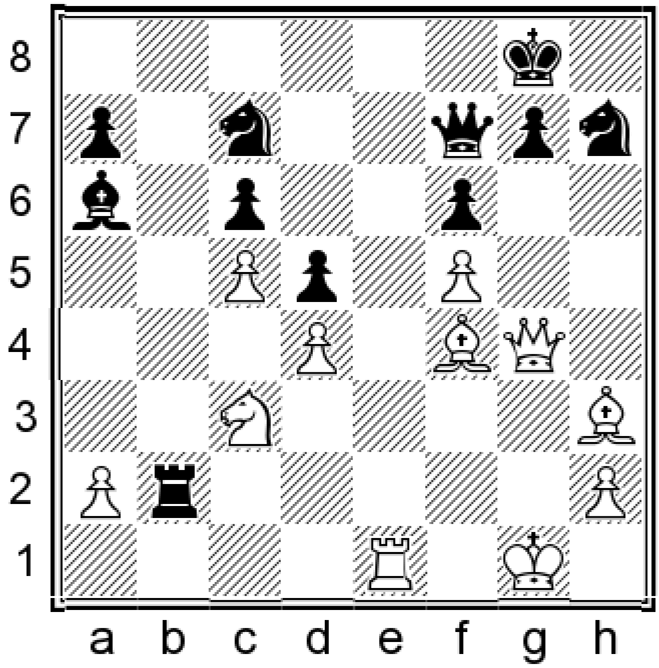


A) 32...♖b7 33.♗g2 ♗c4 34.♗f4+– with 35.♕h5 to follow;

B) 32...♖c2 33.♘f8 ♔f8 (33...♘f8 34.♖e8+–) 34.♕g6 With Black's queen still on d8, his knight on h7 is not protected. 34...gh6 35.♕h7 ♖c3 and once more White's ♗h3 joins the attack with devastating consequences: 36.♗g4+–;

C) 32...♕d7 This perhaps offers the best practical resistance: 33.♗f4 (33.♘f8? ♔f8±) 33...♗c4 34.♕h5! ♕f7 (34...♘c7 35.♕h7+–) and yet again White's ♗h3 joins in the action: 35.♗g4+– with 36.♘f8 to come after which White wins at least a piece.]

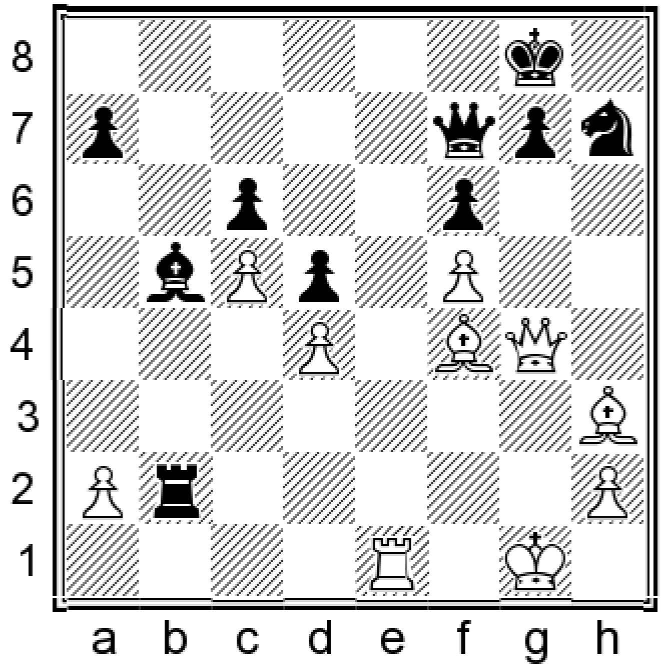
30...♖e7 31.♖e7 ♕e7 32.♖e1 ♕f7 33.♗f4



White's advantage is so great that even after missing a number of forced wins, Black is still in serious trouble. A long defence, combined with severe time pressure, results in Black's collapse.

33...♖b7

[33...♘b5 loses to 34.♘b5 ♗b5



35.♕f3!+– and again ♗g4-♗h5 decides. 35...♘g5 36.♗g5 fg5 37.♗g4; 33...♖b8!, bringing Black rook to the e-file, was the only way to continue the defence. Then after 34.♕g6 (34.♕g3 ♖e8!⩲) 34...♖e8 (or 34...♕d7 35.a4 ♖e8±) 35.♕f7 ♔f7 36.♖e8 ♘e8 37.♗g4± White has an obvious advantage, although there is still quite a bit of work to be done.]

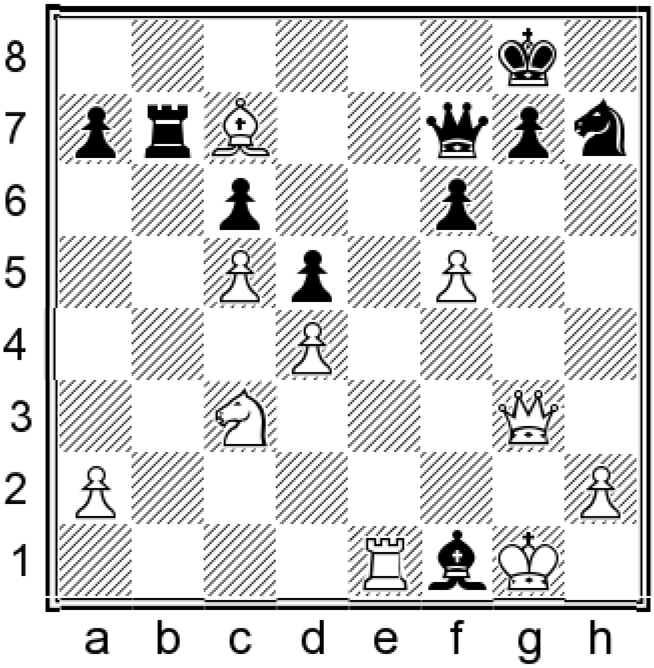
34.♕g3

[34.♗d6+– was more precise 34...♘e8 (34...♘b5 35.♘b5 ♗b5 36.♕g6+–) 35.♕g6 ♘d6 36.cd6 ♘f8 37.♕f7 ♔f7 38.♘a4 ♘d7 and again White’s bishop decisively enters the fray: 39.♗g4+–]

34...♘b5 35.♗f1 ♘c7

[35...♘f8]

36.♗c7 ♗f1



37.♗d6+– Now the entry of the white rook on the last rank will be decisive. Note how Black’s rook on b7 is dominated by White’s bishop on d6.

37...♗a6 38.♕g6! ♘f8 39.♖e8 ♖e7 40.♗e7
1 : 0 Sokolov

Aryan Gholami is another one of the promising kids who formed part of the Iranian U16 World Championship winning team. In the Olympiad he played three games, scoring an important victory in the last round. And it is this win we publish here with Aryan’s comments. My extra notes are again indicated by *(Sokolov)*.

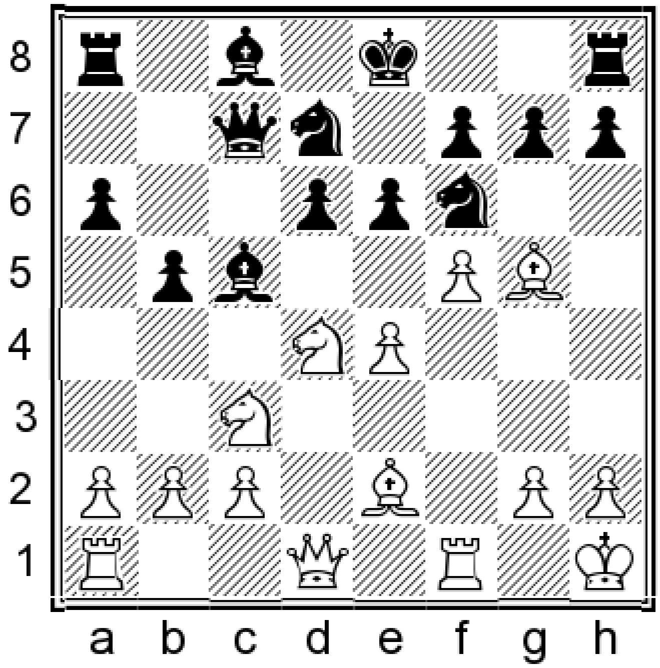
B43
Perez Gormaz 2444 – Gholami 2435
Baku Olympiad 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cd4 4.♘d4 a6 5.♗e2 ♘f6 6.♘c3 ♕c7 7.0-0 ♗c5
In the Paulsen/Kan Sicilian I knew I could play ...♘c6 or ...♗b4 or ...d6 but I decided to try this move.

8.♔h1?! d6 9.♗g5 ♘bd7 10.f4N
[RR 10.♘b3 Bromberger 2492 – Gajewski 2628, Germany 2013]

10...b5? I wanted to attack the e4 pawn, but in response to this White can attack my king with f4-f5.

11.f5!±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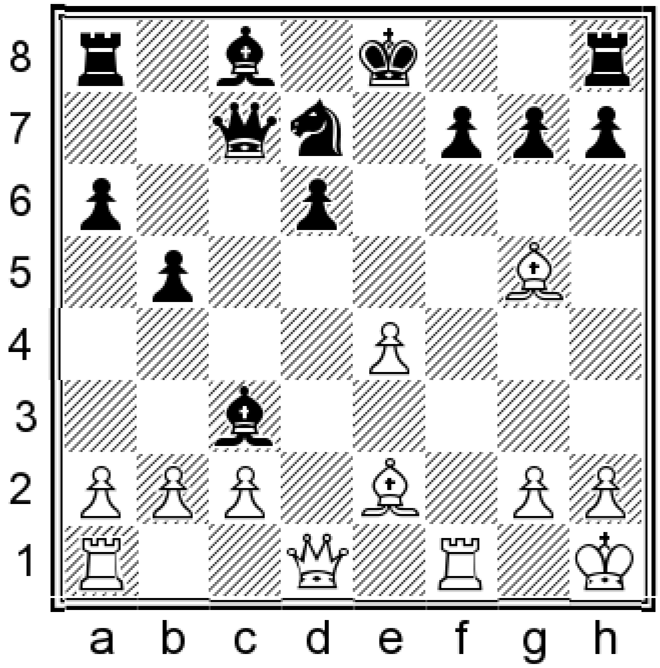
11...♗d4
[Not 11...e5?? 12.♘e6! (12.♘d5! ♘d5 13.♘e6 fe6 14.♗h5 ♔f8 15.fe6 ♘7f6 16.ed5+–) 12...fe6 13.♗h5 ♔d8 14.fe6+–; If 11...♘e5!? 12.fe6 fe6 13.♗f6 gf6 14.♖f6 ♕e7 15.♗h5 ♔d8 16.♖f1±; or 11...h6 12.♗h4±]

12.♕d4 Here I was thinking he might take the e6-pawn, but then I could reply ♗c3.
[12.fe6 ♗c3 13.ed7 ♘d7 14.bc3 (14.♖f7?? ♔f7 15.♕d5 ♔f8 16.bc3 ♘b6!! 17.♖f1 ♔e8 18.♗h5 g6 19.♕d4 ♖g8 20.♗e2 ♖b8–+) 14...♘e5∞]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12...e5 13.♕b4 ♕c5 14.♕c5
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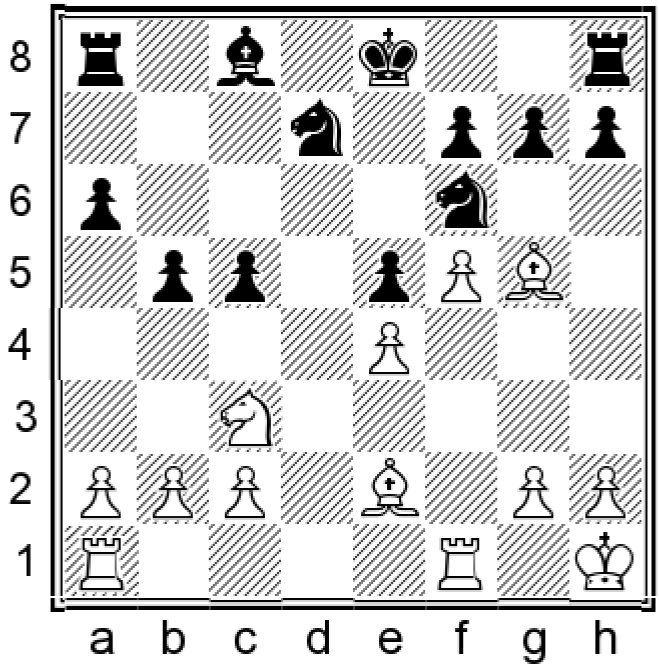
14...dc5



15.♖fd1

[*(Sokolov)* White embarks on a wrong strategy, which results in a struggle of two bishops vs two knights, with Black having a perfect Nimzowitsch-type blockading knight. For the time being and as long as Black is able to maintain a blockade on d6, White should have refrained from jumping to d5 and continued instead 15.♗f3 ♗b7 16.♖fe1±]

15...♗b7 16.a4 b4 17.♘d5 ♗d5 18.ed5

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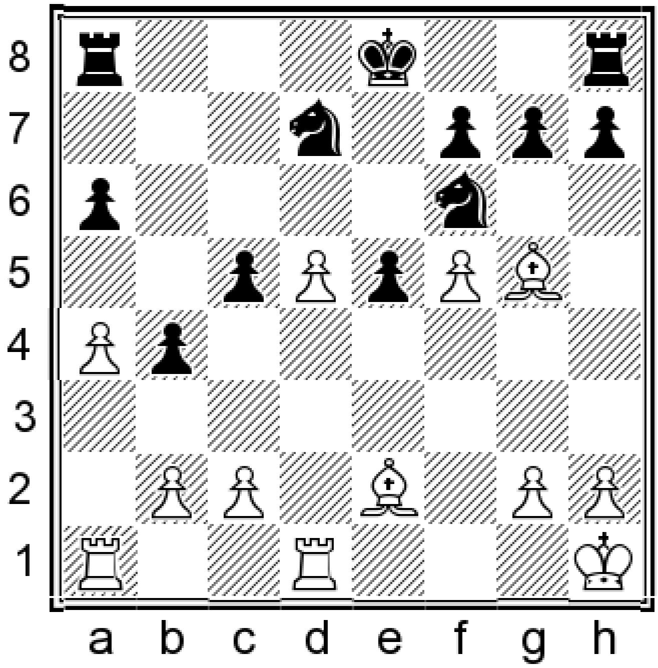


(Sokolov) White has got what he wanted, but is not good for him since Black establishes a perfect blockade on d6.

18...♘e4 19.♗e3 ♘d6 20.g4

During the game I thought Black stood better, because he has two knights fighting against a pair of bishops in a closed game.

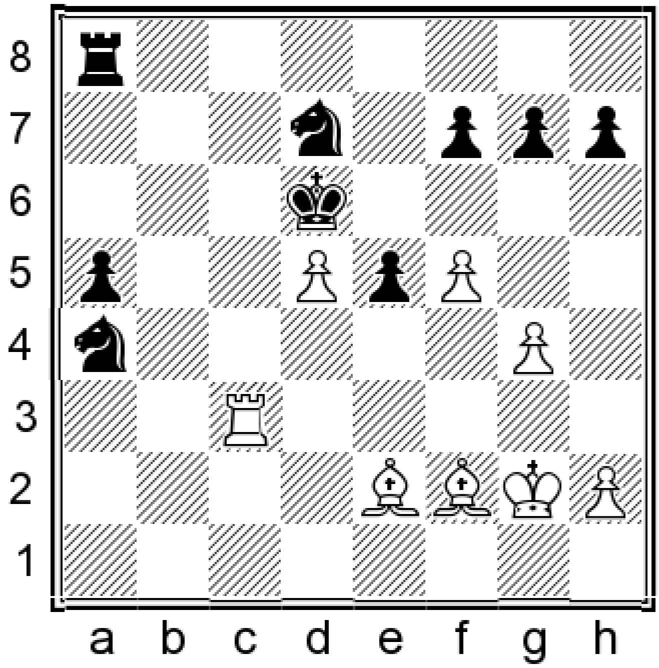
20...♔e7 21.♔g2 a5

Here I think White should not touch his queenside pawns but play something like ♖f1.

22.b3?! ♖hc8 *(Sokolov)* Now White is in a difficult situation and needs either to close the queenside or open diagonals for his bishops.

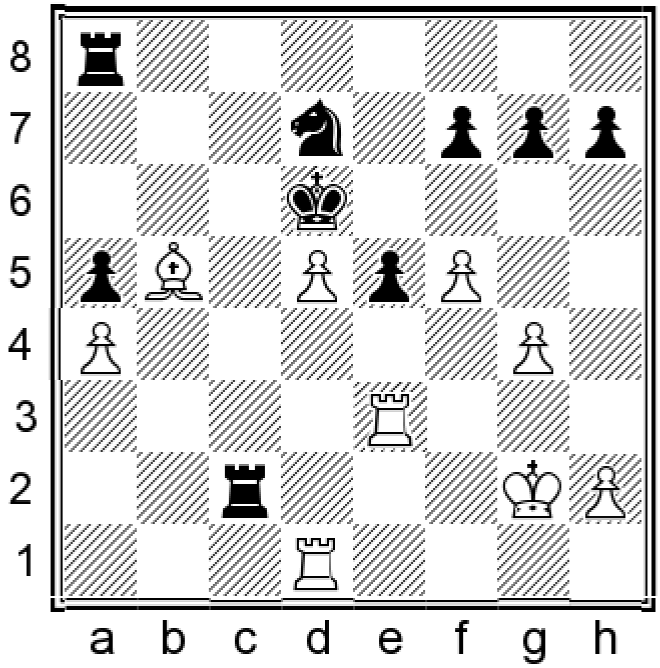
23.c4 bc3 24.♖ac1 c4 25.bc4 ♘c4 26.♖c3

[*(Sokolov)* This is a critical moment which Gholami passes without any comment. White’s best chances of survival lay in two bishops vs two knights positions and not bishop vs knight! Therefore, even at material cost, the bishop pair needed to be preserved by 26.♗f2! ♔d6 (26...c2 27.d6! ♘d6 28.♖d2 ♘e4 29.♖dc2 ♖c2 30.♗h4! Keeping the two bishops. 30...♔d6 31.♖c2 with chances of survival.) 27.♖c3 ♘b2 28.♖dc1 ♖c3 29.♖c3 ♘a4



An instructive position! A typical situation where your *own* pawn is *not* your friend! White’s d5 pawn is merely protecting the enemy king here and has to be eliminated! 30.♖c6! (30.♖c1? ♘ac5–+) 30...♔d5 31.♖c1! and White is in the game. (31.♗b5 ♘ac5 32.♖c7 ♖d8) 31...♖b8 (31...♘ab6?? 32.♖d1 ♔c6 33.♗f3+–) 32.♗c4 ♔d6 33.♗f7]

26...♘e3 27.♖e3 ♔d6 28.♗b5 ♖c2



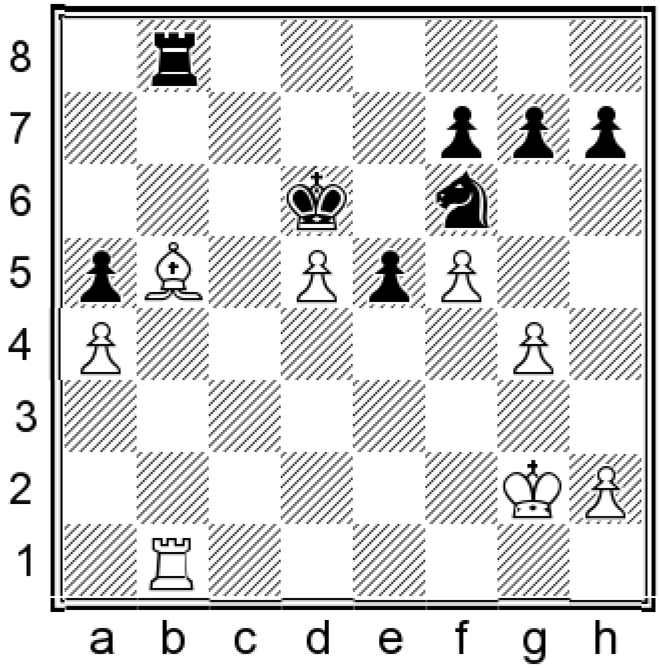
29.♖e2?

[29.♔f3 f6 (*(Sokolov)* It is better for Black to maintain the knight vs bishop situation by playing 29...♘c5, instead of allowing a pure rook endgame.) 30.♗d7 ♔d7 31.♖b1∓]

29...♖e2 30.♗e2 ♖c8 31.♖b1 ♖b8?

[31...♖c2!]

32.♗b5 ♘f6



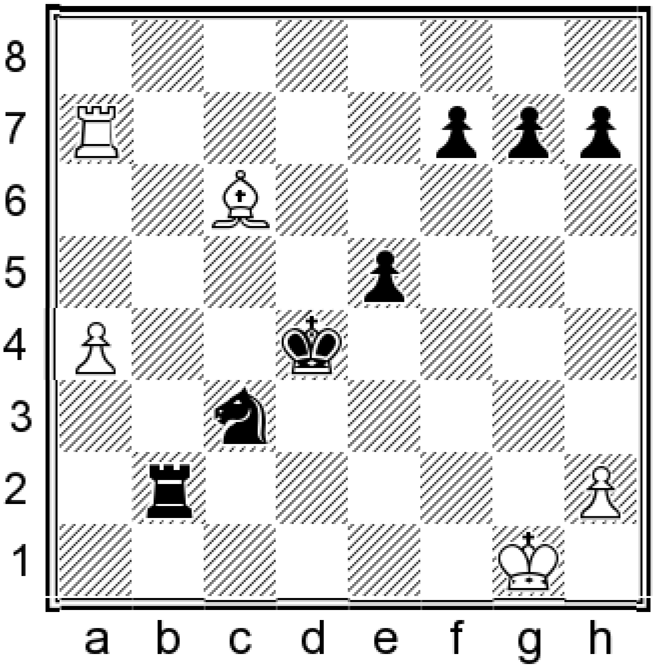
33.♖c1

[*(Sokolov)* 33.h3 ♘d5 34.♖c1 offered better prospects of saving the game.]

33...♘g4 34.♖c6?!

[34.♔f3 ♘f6 35.♖c6 ♔d5 36.♖c7 ♘e4–+]

34...♔d5 35.♖a6 ♘e3 36.♔f2 ♘f5 37.♖a5 ♘d6 38.♗d7 ♔d4 39.♗c6 ♘e4 40.♔g1 ♖b1 41.♔g2 ♖b2 42.♔g1 ♘c3 43.♖a7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43...♘e2

[43...♔e3!]

44.♔f1 ♔e3 45.h4 f5 46.♖g7 ♖b1

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THE EVER DANGEROUS 6.♗G5 AGAINST THE NAJDORF SICILIAN

The Chess Olympiad is the biggest event of the year. In every round we have dozens of interesting games with many elite grandmaster clashes. Naturally, opening theory makes huge advances in such an important event, where the players are assisted by coaches and the results are much more important than an ordinary tournament.

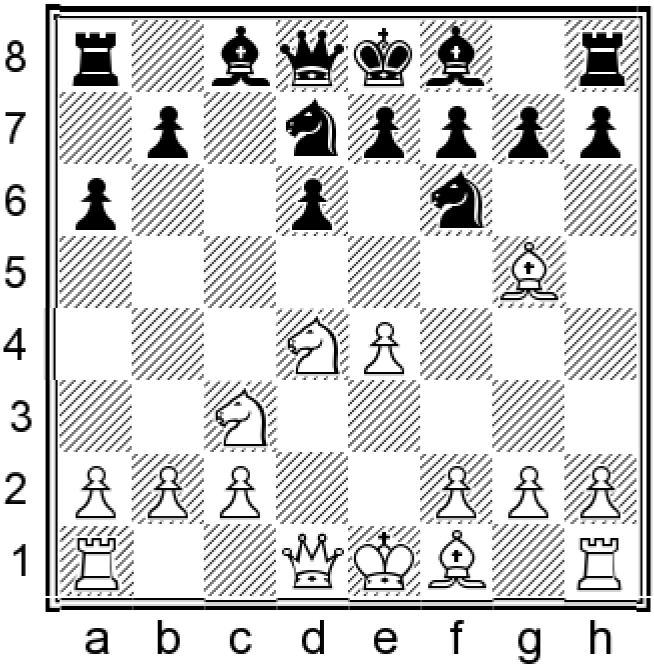
It can also be a bit overwhelming to follow all the games. There is simply too much on show! Professionals certainly need a great many hours work to study the important games from this event.

In this article I wish to make life somewhat easier for the reader by selecting an important game for the development of opening theory. We are not talking about a spectacular opening novelty, but a game that featured a fashionable line which will certainly be played again in the near future. I hope my analysis will be useful to show the significance of the opening line in question and I will also try to highlight some improvements.

B94
Duda 2675 – Djukic 2534
Round 4, Baku Olympiad 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.♘d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5
The ever dangerous 6.♗g5 against the Najdorf is a nightmare for those players who don’t like forced variations and have problems remembering their analysis (like me).

6...♘bd7

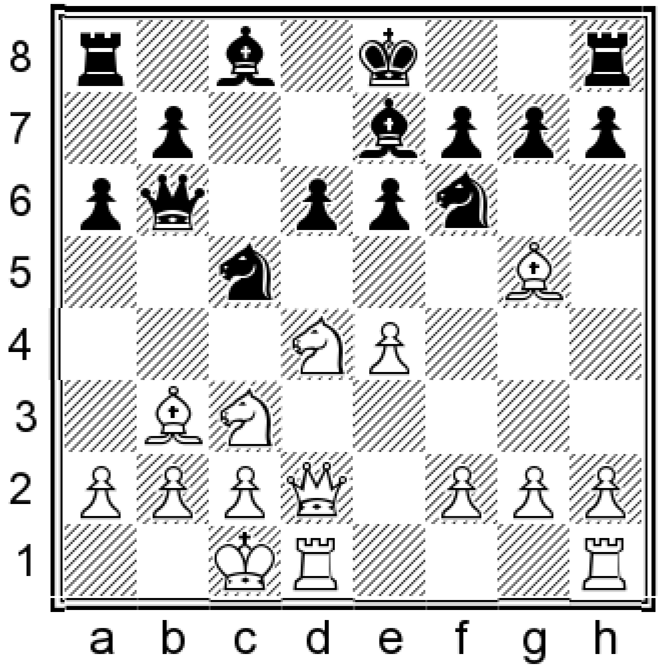


Black has many possibilities, such as the Poisoned Pawn variation (6...e6 7.f4 ♕b6) and the Delayed Poisoned Pawn (with 6...h6 first). But the text move is also pretty fashionable and has fewer forced variations.

7.♗c4 One of the most aggressive options for White.

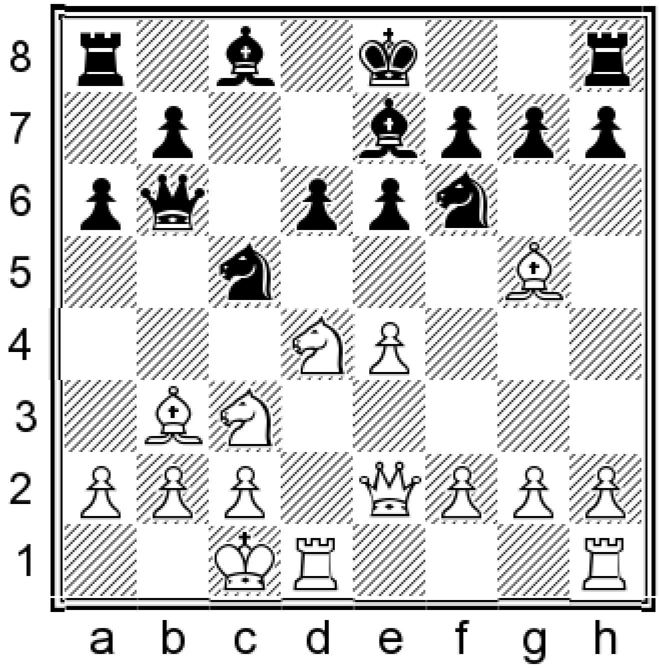
7...♕b6 8.♗b3 This is now considered to be the best move.
[8.♕d2 used to be played, but practice has failed to demonstrate proper compensation in the position after 8...♕b2 9.♖b1 ♕a3 10.0-0 e6.]

8...e6 9.♕d2 ♗e7 10.0-0-0 ♘c5



One of the most important “tabiyas” of the 6...♘bd7 line.

11.♕e2!?



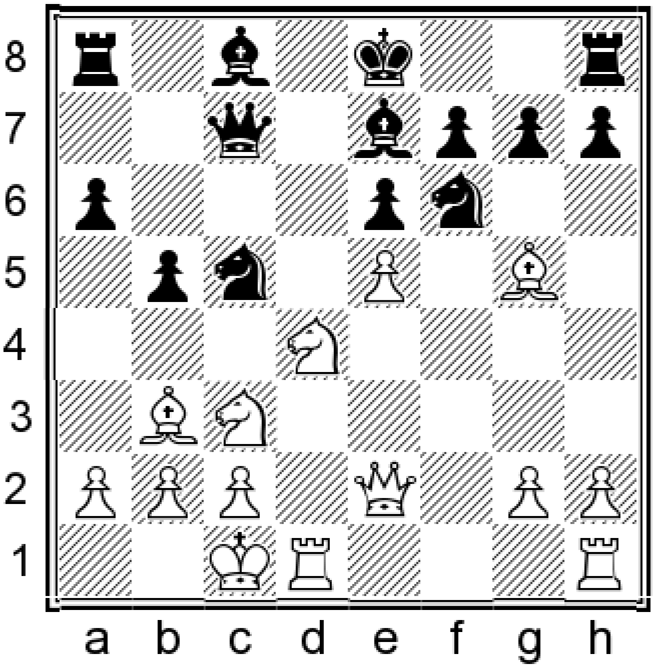
Duda Jan-Krzysztof. Photo by Harald Fietz

Virtually a new move, only previously played in a few correspondence games. Both 11.f3 and 11.♖he1 are much more common. And it’s actually quite dangerous for Black, so it will surely be tested many times in the future. As is often the case, this new idea was handsomely rewarded – Black immediately committed an inaccuracy.

11...h6?!N This is bad because Black needs White’s

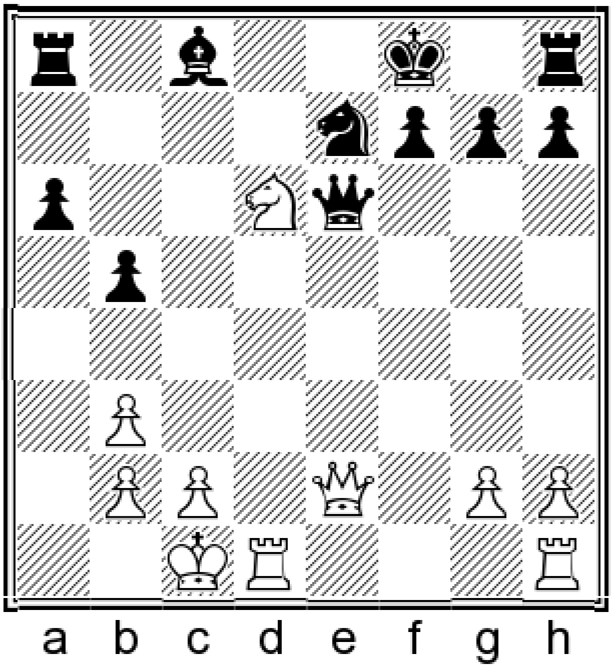
bishop on g5, as we shall see.

[11...♕c7 is the critical move. Black prepares typical Sicilian counterplay with ...b5 and ...♗b7. It is important not to castle too soon, but to advance on the queenside first. Some may wonder if Black has not lost a precious tempo with ...♕b6-c7, but actually this was a useful manoeuvre. Now Black has the chance to capture the b3 bishop whenever he wants, which helps when defending against White's attack. If White wants to increase the initiative he must act quickly, so the next moves are very natural. 12.f4 b5 13.e5 de5 14.fe5



Now we can see why it is so important to leave the bishop on g5. 14...♘d5! A typical defensive resource. Now Black threatens to take on g5 with check, so White has to capture on e7. 15.♗e7 ♘e7 Usually these types of position with the bishop badly placed at b3 are not so dangerous for Black. But in this case things are not so simple and White can still pose many problems. 16.♘e4! A cunning move. Now Black must play very carefully.

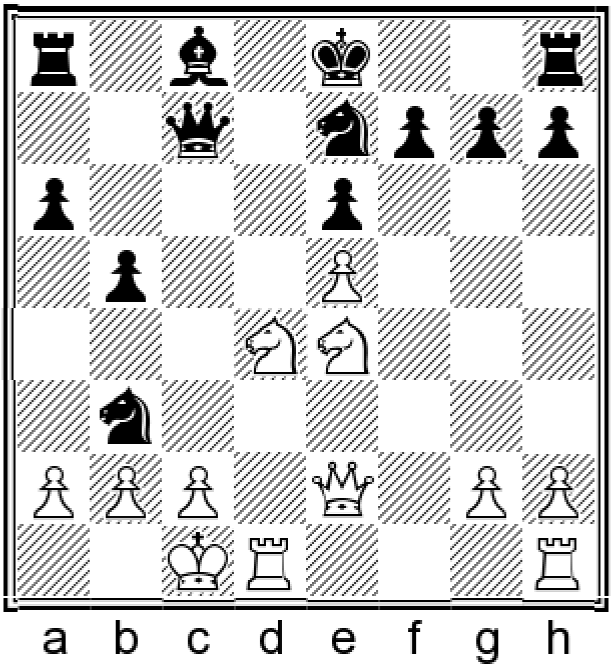
A) 16...♕e5? would lose on the spot, but the refutation is rather concealed. I guess many grandmasters could fall into this trap. 17.♘e6!! ♘b3 18.ab3 ♕e6 19.♘d6 ♔f8



20.♕f3! This is the point. Not such an easy move to see in advance. 20...♖b8 21.♘f7! winning;

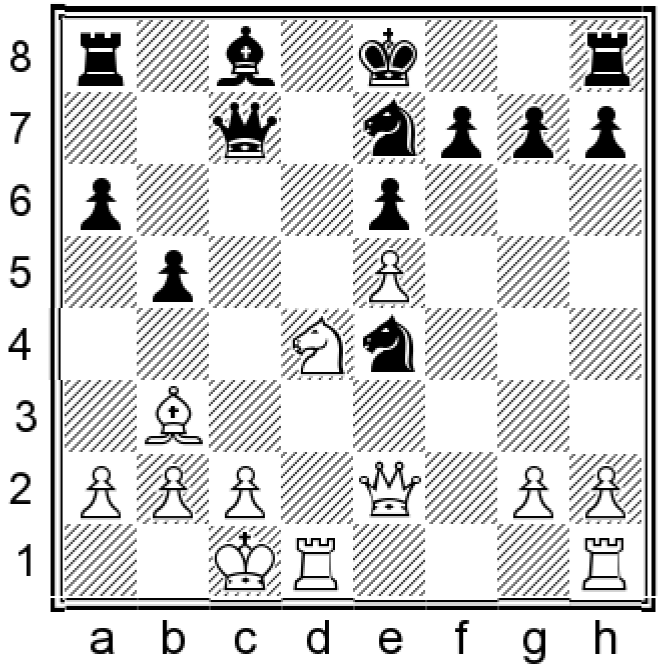
B) 16...0-0 17.♘d6± The knight is of course very strong on d6, so White is somewhat better;

C) 16...♘b3



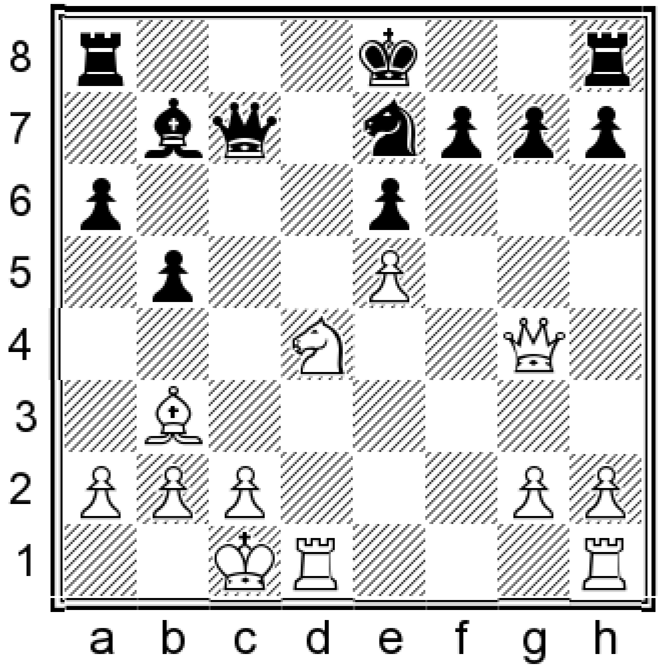
After this White must recapture accurately: 17.ab3! (17.♘b3?! 0-0 18.♘d6 ♗b7 and Black is fine since White will have to lose precious time getting the b3 knight back into play.) 17...0-0 (again not 17...♕e5? because of 18.♘e6+–) 18.♘d6± with the initiative.

D) 16...♘e4



17.♕e4

D1) Now 17...♗b7? is virtually losing, since Black breaks contact with the e6 pawn. Notice that here the b3 bishop is incredibly strong. 18.♕g4



Nikola Djukic. Photo by Harald Fietz

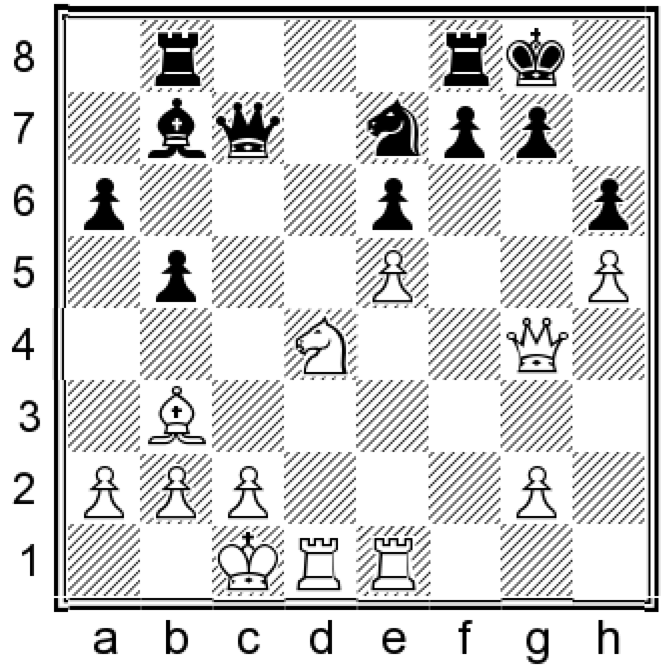
D1a) White has sacrifices on e6 after 18...0-0 19.♘e6 fe6 20.♕e6 ♔h8 21.♖d7+–;

D1b) or 18...♕e5 19.♘e6 (19.♖he1 h5□ 20.♕h4 ♕f6 21.♕g3↑ is also tempting.) 19...fe6 20.♗e6 with a strong attack.

D1c) So Black should play 18...♘g6 19.♘e6 fe6 20.♗e6→;

D2) 17...♖b8! is the best defence, when White tried an

interesting plan in two correspondence games: 18.h4!? 0-0 19.h5 h6 20.♖he1 White prepares to attack on the kingside, either with the heavy pieces (♖e3-g3) or with a queen and bishop battery (c3 and ♗c2). For this reason Black has to act quickly. 20...♗b7 (20...a5 21.c3! would be dangerous for Black.) Again it looks treacherous to leave the e6-pawn unprotected, but Black still has resources. 21.♕g4

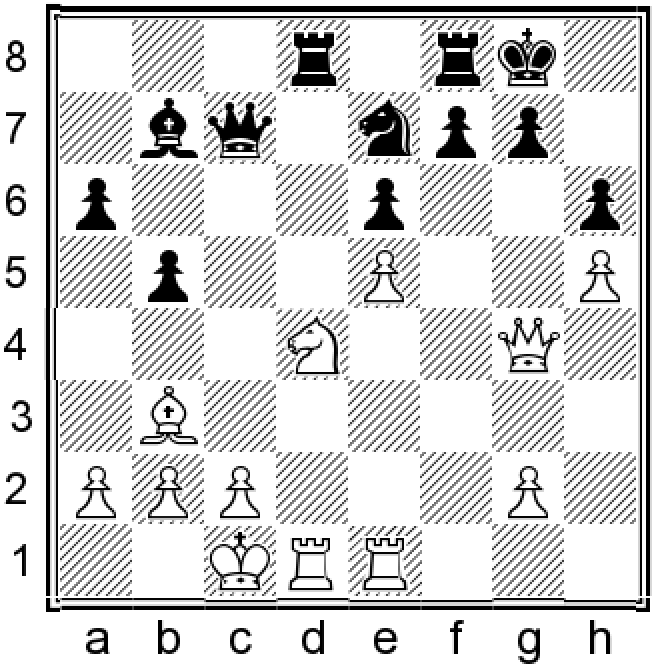


A critical position. Now the correspondence games diverge.

D2a) 21...♖be8 doesn't solve Black's opening problems: 22.♗e6 (22.♘e6? meets a simple refutation: 22...fe6 23.♕e6 ♔h8 24.♖d7 ♕a5! and Black wins.)

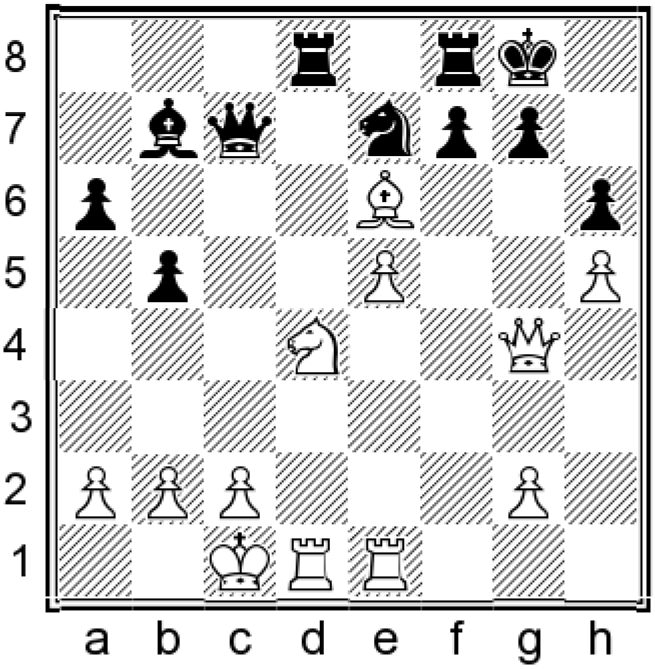
22...♘c6! 23.♘c6 fe6 (23...♗c6 24.♗d7 ♗d7 25.♖d7 ♕a5 is bad due to 26.♖e3! ♕a2? 27.♖g3+–) 24.♘d4± and although Black managed to make a draw, his position is worse, Siefring 2499 – Acevedo Villalba 2551, ICCF 2013.

D2b) 21...♖bd8! is the best move when Black narrowly manages to equalise.



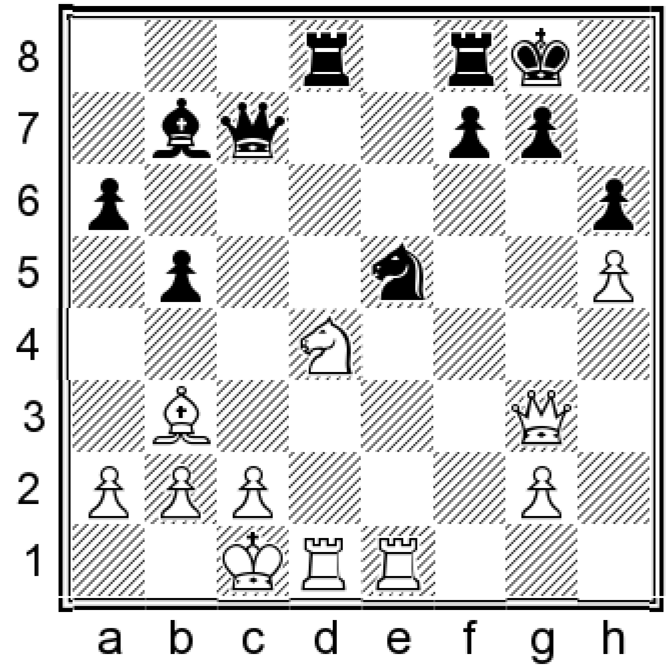
D2b1) 22.♖d3 is also natural but with precise play Black will escape. 22...♔h8 23.♗e6 (23.♖g3 ♖g8 is not dangerous.) 23...♘c6! 24.♖g3 fe6 25.♘e6 ♕e5! 26.♕g7 ♕g7 27.♖g7 ♖de8 28.♖g6 (28.♖b7? ♖f6) 28...♖f2 29.♖h6 ♔g8 30.♖g6 with perpetual check.

D2b2) 22.♗e6



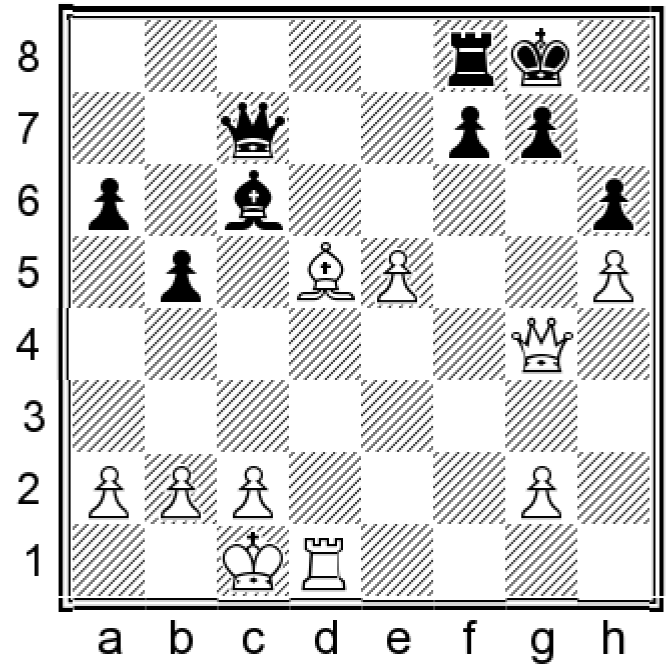
22...♘c6! Again this move forces simplification and saves Black. (But not 22...fe6?! 23.♘e6 ♖d1 24.♕d1 ♕c8 25.♘f8 ♕f8 which is better for White.)

D2b21) Now 23.♗b3 ♘e5 24.♕g3 looks very annoying for Black, but he has a brilliant reply at his disposal:



24...♗f3!! (24...♖fe8 25.♖e2± and White has the initiative.) 25.♘f5 (25.gf3? ♘d3–+; 25.♖e5 ♗d1 26.♘f5 ♗g4! 27.♘h6 gh6 28.♕g4 ♔h8∓) 25...♖d1 26.♖d1 ♗g4 27.♖d5 ♖d8 28.♖d8 ♕d8 29.♘e3 ♕g5⇄;

D2b22) So, instead of 23.♗b3, White plays 23.♘c6 ♖d1 24.♖d1 (24.♔d1 ♕c6 25.♗b3 and a draw was agreed in Traut 2415 – Maletich 2421, ICCF 2010. After 25...♕g2 26.♕g2 ♗g2 27.e6 the position is equal.) 24...♗c6 (24...♕c6? 25.♗d5) 25.♗d5

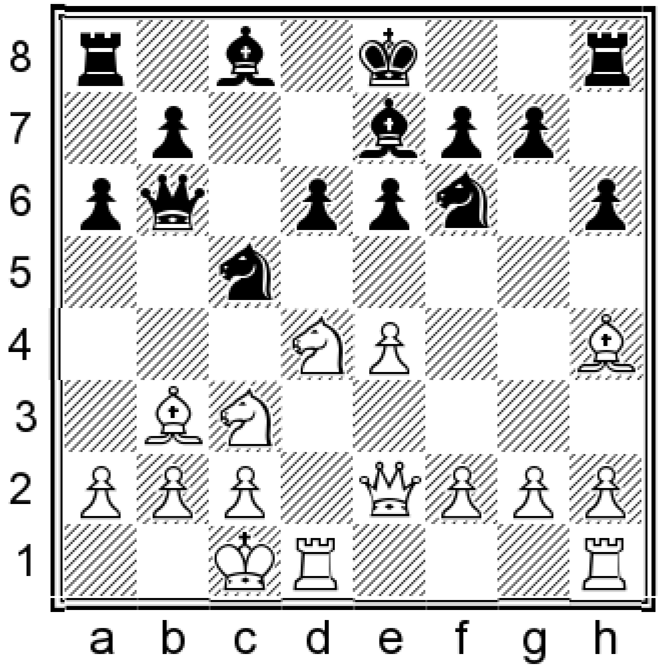


Now Black just needs one more precise move.

D2b221) At first I thought 25...♗d5 26.♖d5 ♕a5 was Black’s best, but White can still press: 27.a4! (27.a3 ♕e1 28.♕d1 ♕e4!=∞; 27.♔b1 ♕e1 28.♕d1 ♕e4!=∞) 27...♕e1 28.♕d1 ♕e3 29.♔b1 ba4 30.♕d4 with a slight advantage.

D2b222) 25...♖e8! is the best way to reach equality. 26.♕f3 (26.♗c6 ♕c6=) 26...♗d5 27.♖d5 ♖e5 28.♕g3 f6 29.♖e5 fe5 with a probable draw. As we can see, Black has to dodge many bullets in order to defend successfully. And, of course, there is still plenty of room for small improvements for White.]

12.♗h4



Now Black is already in trouble.

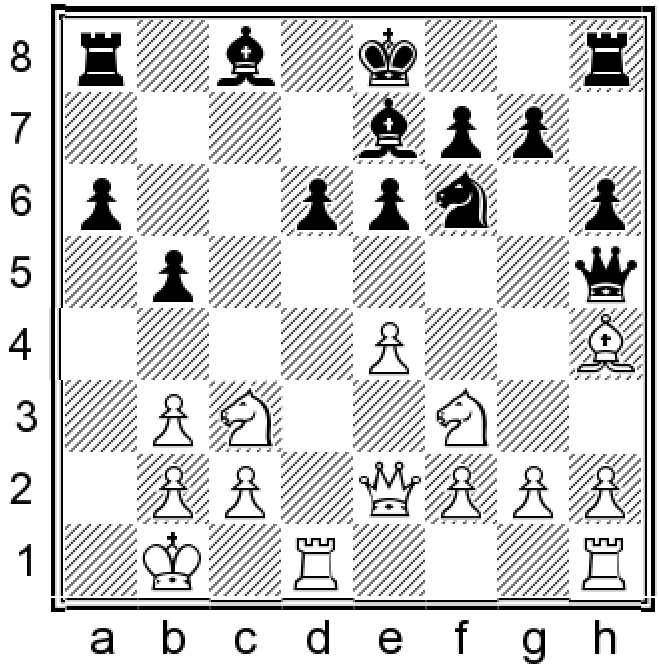
12...♕a5

[12...♕c7 13.f4 b5? This is just bad now. 14.e5 de5 15.fe5 No 15...♘d5 here. And if 15...♘h7 ...then White wins by force: 16.♗e7 ♕e7 17.♘c6! ♕g5 18.♔b1 ♗b7 19.h4 ♕g6 20.♘b5! ab5 21.♕b5 with a decisive attack. Then again, 12...0-0 is too dangerous, especially with a pawn on h6.]

13.♔b1

[13.f4± is also good.]

13...♘b3 14.ab3 ♕h5 15.♘f3! b5?



And after this Black just loses, although Duda didn't play the winning move.

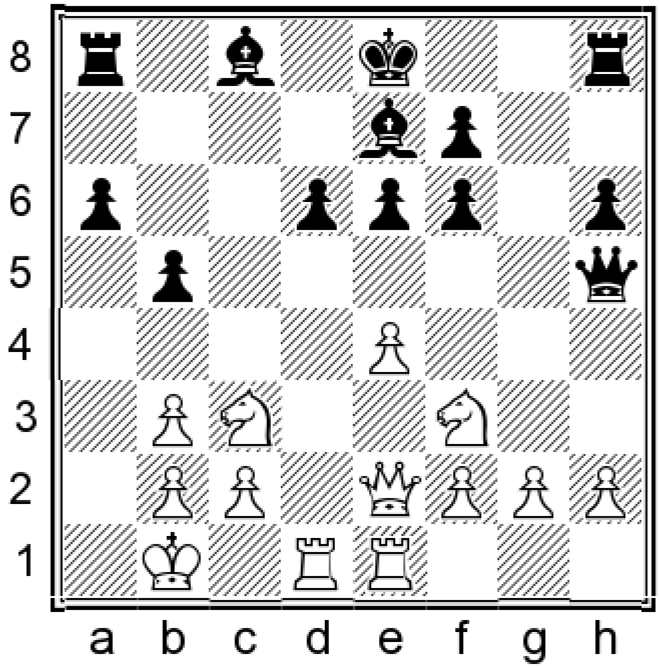
16.♗f6?

[16.e5! de5 17.♗f6! gf6 (17...♗f6 18.♕e4+–) 18.♕e4 ♖b8 19.♕c6 ♔f8 20.♕c7 ♖a8 21.♘e4 with a decisive attack.]

16...gf6

[16...♗f6 17.e5! ♗e5 18.♕e4+–]

17.♖he1±



White’s position is much better anyway. The young Polish grandmaster went on to win in spectacular fashion.

17...♖g8 18.♖d3 ♗b7 19.♘d5! ♗d8 20.♘f4 ♕c5 21.♘d4 ♕e5 22.♕d2 ♔d7?! 23.b4!+– ♗e4 24.♘f3 ♕f5 25.♖d6 ♔c8 26.♘d4 ♕h7 27.♕c3 ♗c7 28.f3 ♗b7 29.♖d1 ♖a7 30.♖d7! ♔d7 31.♘de6 ♗d5 32.♘d5 ♔e6 33.♕f6 ♔d7 34.♘b6 ♔e8 35.♖e1 ♗e5 36.♖e5 ♔f8 37.♖d5

As we can see, in the Najdorf, being surprised in the opening is very dangerous. The price for a mistake is very high in this defence, so no wonder Black was lost in only five moves after 11.♕e2.

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WHERE 3…♘H5 IS PLAYABLE FOR BLACK!

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Vocaturo 2600 – Gledura 2585
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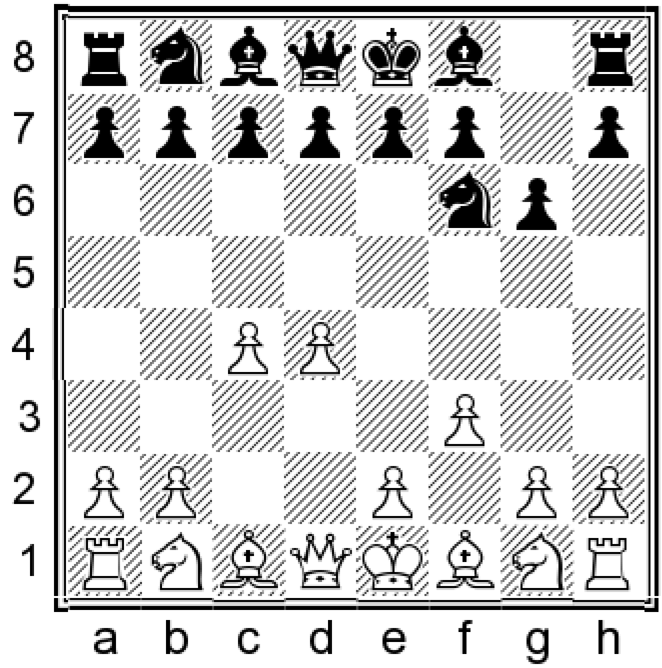
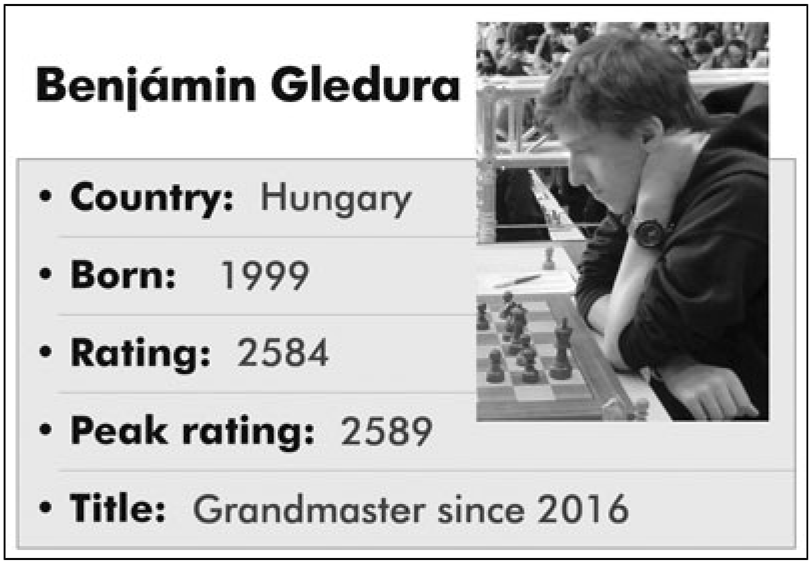
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3





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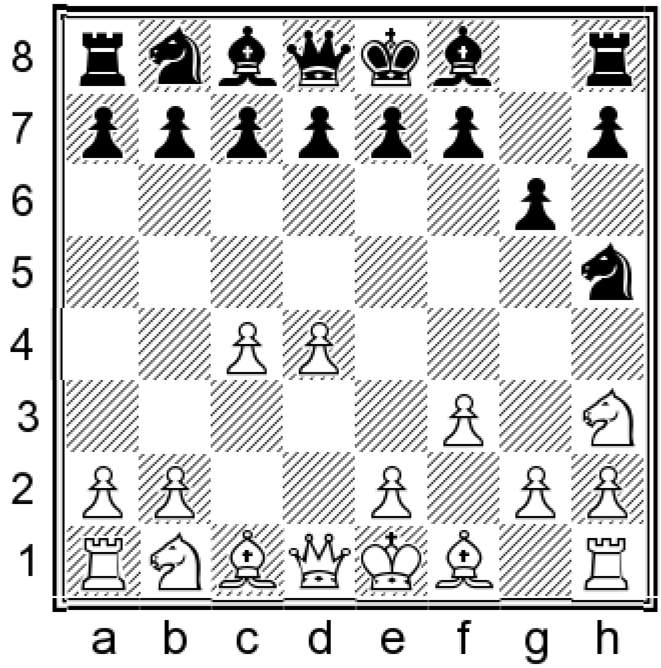
3...♘h5!? An interesting move! Probably White is better but the line is nevertheless playable for Black. In fact Black has a very good score in this line – about 80%!

[Incidentally, 3...e5 4.de5 ♘h5 was the original version of 3...♘h5, and played in a game between Kramnik and Leko, 2004, which Black won. But after 5.♘h3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 ♗e7 7.♗e7 ♕e7 8.♘c3 the opening should be better for White!]

4.♘h3
4.♗g5
4.e4!
4.g4 as in the game

4.♘h3

4.♘h3



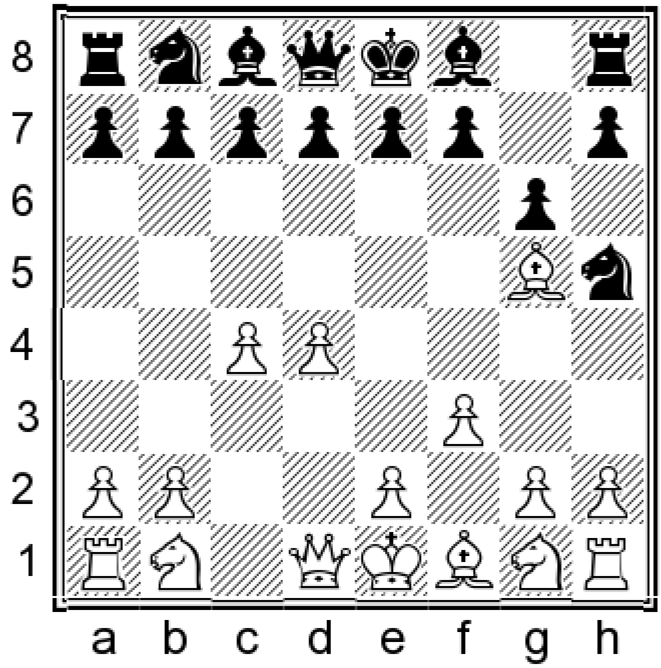
...is actually a novelty but in this 3.f3 system it is a typical way of preventing threats arising from ...♕h4. However Black should be fine here after **4...d5! 5.♘f2 dc4 6.e3**

[6.e4 ♗g7 7.♗e3 c5]

6...♗e6!?∞.

4.♗g5

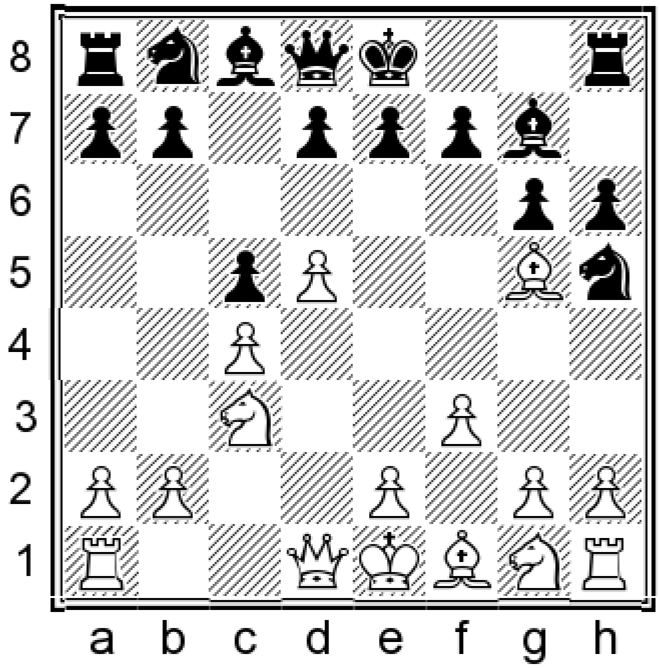
4.♗g5!?



This seems a strange move to me but it makes some sense to forestall all the ...e5/...♕h4 ideas.

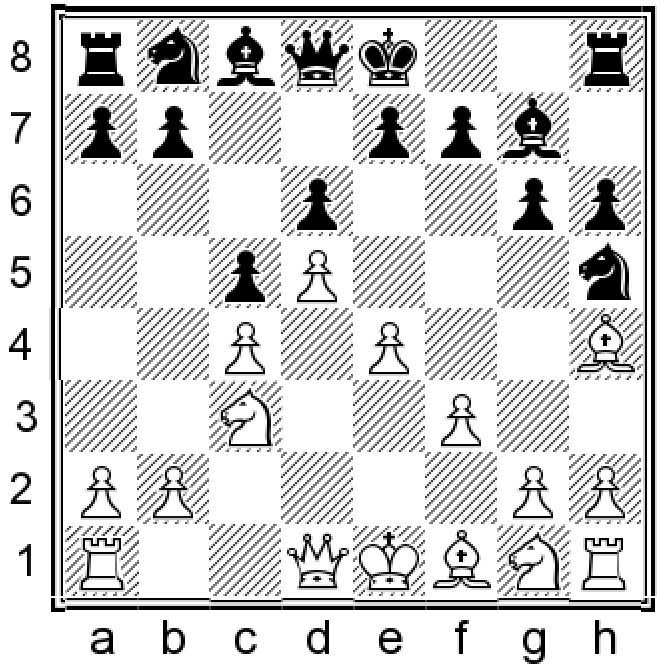
Then **4...♗g7 5.♘c3 h6!** is the most precise continuation.

[On the other hand after 5...c5 6.d5 h6



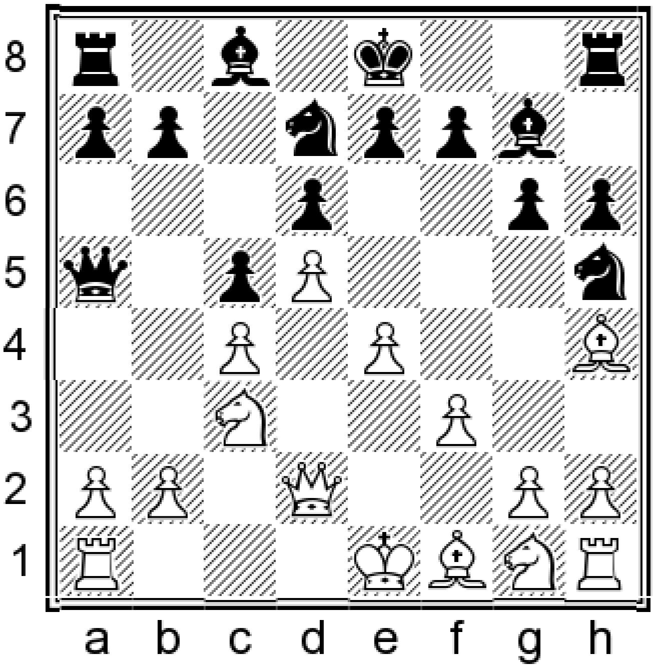
White has 7.♗d2! This is the point!; If Black starts with 5...h6 6.♗h4 and then plays 6...c5 it avoids this move, which gives White the opportunity for a plus after, say, 7...e6 8.♘h3±]

6.♗h4 c5 7.d5 d6 8.e3
[8.e4 is an alternative.



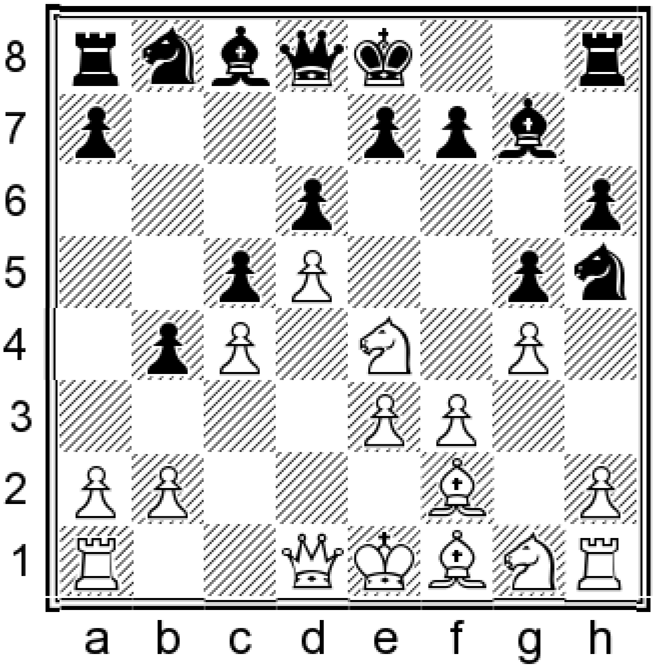
A) My engine now says 8...♗c3!? but I would not like to give up my bishop so readily. Then 9.bc3 ♘d7 10.♗f2 ♕a5 11.♕b3 ♘e5!=;

B) 8...♕a5 9.♕d2 (9.♘ge2 a6 10.♕d2 ♘d7 transposes into the 9.♕d2 line and looks quite playable for Black.) 9...♘d7



10.♘ge2 (10.♘b5 ♕d2 11.♔d2 g5!, intending ...0-0 or ...♔d8, and if 12.♘c7? ♔d8 13.♘a8 gh4–+; 10.♗d3?! g5 11.♗f2 ♘f4∓) 10...a6= I would prefer to be Black here as he has a pleasant position with plans involving ...b5, ...g5, and ...♘e5)

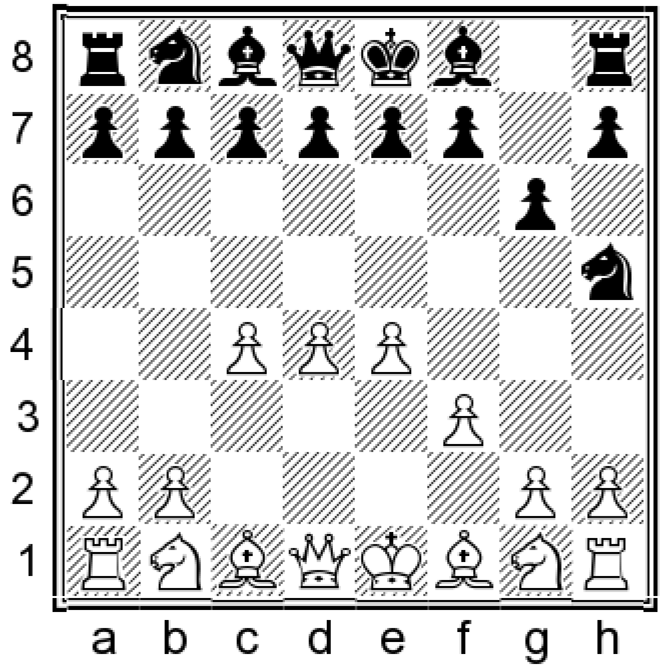
C) 8...b5!? 9.g4?! (9.cb5 a6 10.ba6 0-0⯹ is a very good version of the Benko Gambit and definitely playable for Black; or 9.♘b5 ♗b2 10.♖b1 ♗g7=) 9...b4! 10.♘e4 g5! 11.♗f2



11...♘f6 (11...f5 12.gf5 ♗b2 13.♖b1 ♗g7 also seems good for Black.)
C1) 12.♘g3 ♕a5 13.♕d2 h5! 14.h4 (14.gh5 ♘h5∓; 14.h3 h4 15.♘f5 ♗f5 16.gf5 ♘bd7) 14...gh4 15.♘f5 ♗f8! 16.♖h4 ♖g8!∓;
C2) 12.♗d3? ♘e4 13.♗e4 ♗b2–+ Kavutskiy 2373 – Mikhalevski 2545, Calgary 2016]

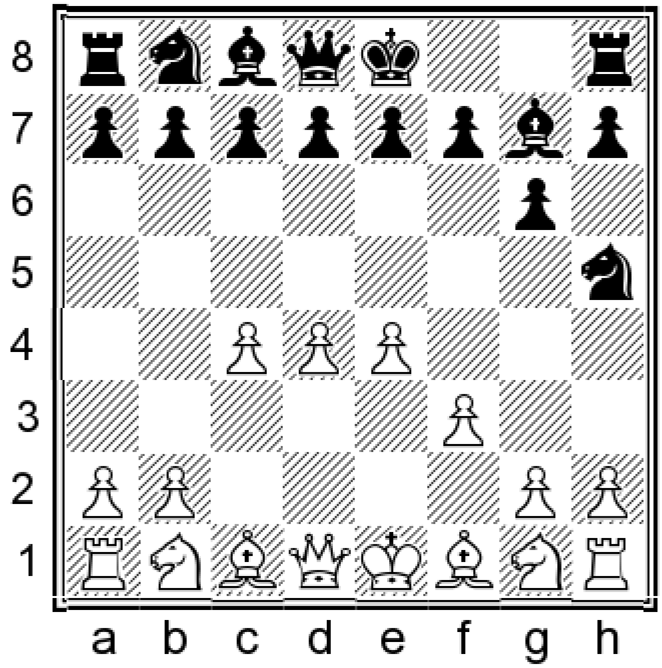
4.e4

4.e4!



4...e5

[4...♗g7



This is a tricky move but if White responds correctly then it will amount to a transposition:

A) 5.♘e2! e5 6.♗e3 – which is a transposition of the sequence 4...e5 5.♗e3 ♗g7 6.♘e2;

B) 5.♘c3 e5! 6.♗e3 ed4 7.♗d4 ♘c6 8.♗g7 ♘g7 I think this position is playable with Black, who can play ...f7-f5 sooner or later.

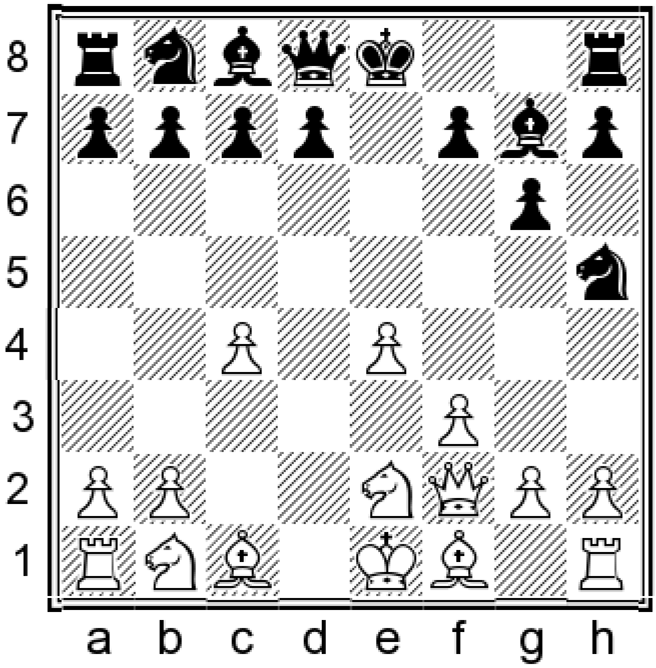
C) 5.g4 ♘f6 6.♘c3 d6 7.♘ge2 0-0 8.♗e3 c5 9.d5;

D) 5.♗e3 c5 6.♘e2 ♘c6 7.♘bc3 cd4 8.♘d4 ♕b6!

4...e5

A) If 5.de5? ♕h4∓ or 5...d6;

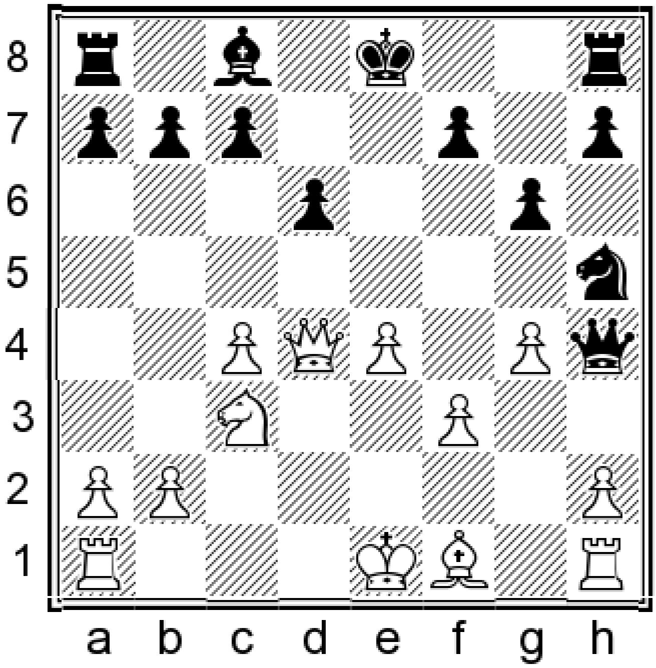
B) 5.♘e2 A novelty. 5...ed4 6.♕d4 (6.♘d4? ♕h4) 6...♗g7 7.♕f2!



7...d6 (It’s probably better to start with this because an immediate 7...0-0 might allow a kingside attack after 8.♘bc3 d6 9.g4!? ♘f6 10.h4→) 8.♘bc3 ♗e6! 9.♘d4 0-0 10.♗e3 ♘c6 (10...c5!? 11.♘e6 fe6 12.0-0-0 ♕b6 13.♕d2 ♗e5∞ and although the engines prefer White here, I think it’s playable for Black.) 11.0-0-0 ♘d4 12.♗d4 ♕g5 13.♔b1 (13.♔c2 f5=) 13...♗d4 14.♕d4 ♕e5 15.♕d2 (15.♕e5 de5 16.g3 ♖ad8= or 16.♘d5 ♖ad8!=) 15...♖ae8 and this position is more or less equal, as Black is playing for ...f5!

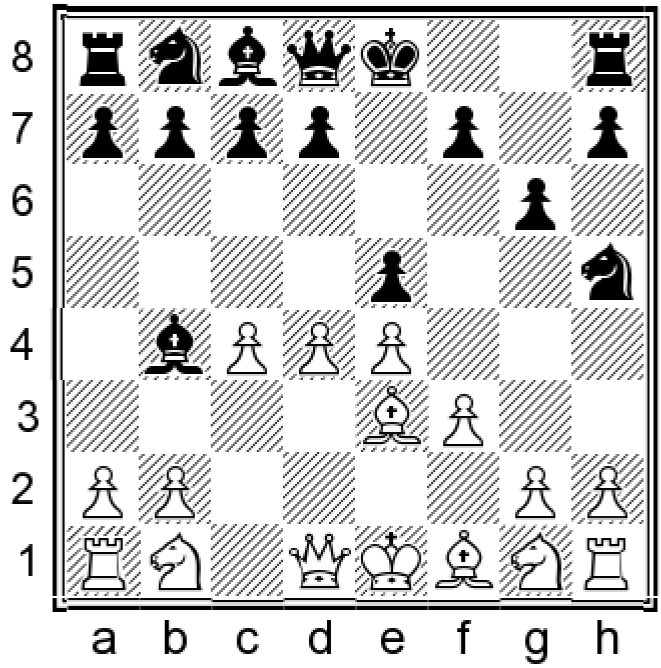
C) 5.♗e3 White has a very stable position so it is very hard to suggest a good line for Black, although there are some lines which are almost equal!

C1) 5...♗g7 6.♘e2 (6.de5 ♗e5 7.♘c3; 6.d5 d6 7.♘c3 0-0 8.♕d2 f5 9.0-0-0 ♘a6) 6...ed4 (6...d6) 7.♘d4 ♘c6 8.♘c3 d6 (8...0-0 9.g4 ♘d4 10.♗d4 ♘f4 11.h4!) 9.g4! ♘d4 (9...♘f6 10.♕d2) 10.♗d4 ♗d4 11.♕d4 ♕h4



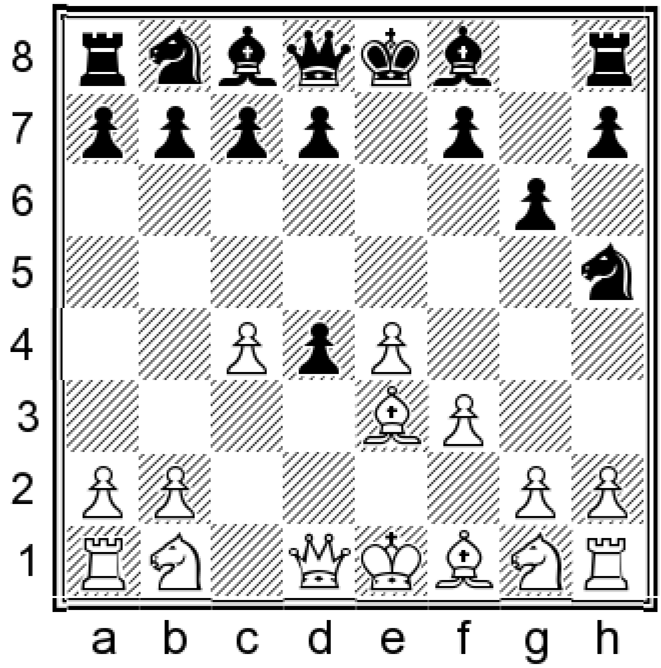
12.♕f2 (12.♔d2 ♕f6 13.♕f6 ♘f6 14.♗e2 c6 15.h4 ♗e6 16.♔e3±) 12...♕f2 13.♔f2 ♘g7± (13...♘f6) 14.h4 h5 15.g5 c6 16.♖d1 ♔e7.

C2) 5...♗b4

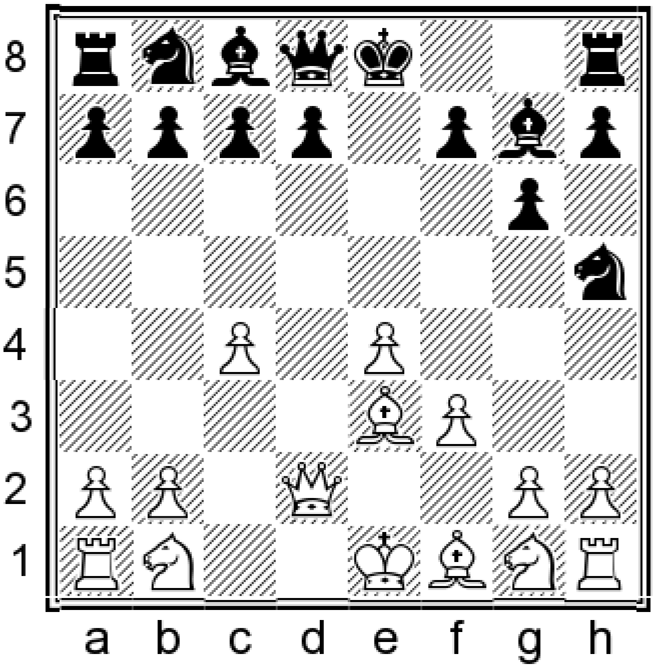


I don’t really think this is the right place for the bishop. 6.♘c3 ed4 (after 6...♗c3 7.bc3 d6 8.g4 or 8.♗d3± White stands much better.) 7.♕d4 0-0 8.0-0-0 ♘c6 9.♕d2 d6 Sviridov – Fedoseev, Kolomna 2016, ending in a win for Black! But White should now play 10.♘ge2;

C3) 5...ed4



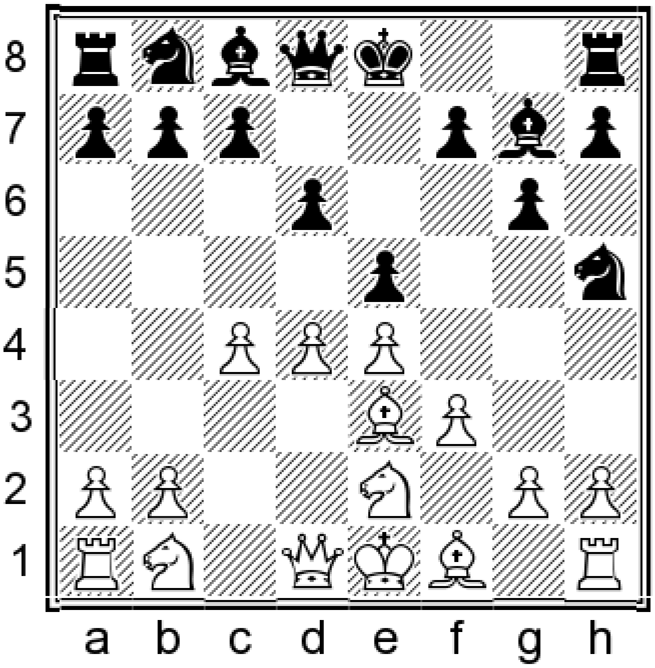
6.♕d4! (6.♗d4 ♗g7 7.♗g7 ♘g7 8.♘c3 0-0 9.♕d2 d6 10.0-0-0± was played in Korotylev 2609 – Grischuk 2717, Moscow (blitz) 2006) 6...♗g7 7.♕d2



7...♘c6 (Unfortunately 7...♕h4!? does not work as well: 8.♗f2 ♕f4 9.♕c2!±) 8.♘c3 d6 9.0-0-0 ♗e6 10.g4 (10.♘d5±) 10...♘f6 11.♘h3! ♘e5 12.♘g5± ♗c4? 13.f4+–;

C4) 5...♘c6 6.d5 (6.♘e2 ed4 7.♘d4 ♘d4 8.♗d4 ♗g7 9.♘c3±) 6...♘d4 7.♘e2 This is a typical idea and indeed White now definitely stands better: 7...♘e2 8.♗e2 d6 9.♘c3 ♗g7 10.♕d2 0-0;

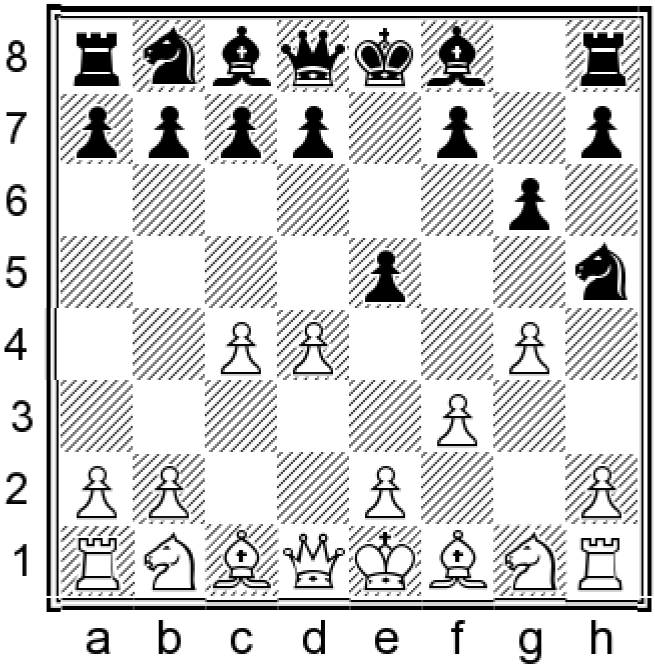
C5) 5...d6 6.♘e2 (6.de5 de5 7.♕d8 ♔d8 8.♘c3 c6=) 6...♗g7



7.g4 (7.♘bc3! ed4 8.♘d4 ♘c6 is a transposition to 5...♗g7) 7...♘f4! 8.♘f4 (8.de5 ♘e2 9.♗e2 ♘c6!∞) 8...ef4 9.♗f4 ♘c6 (9...c5 10.♘c3! cd4 11.♘d5±) 10.♗e3 ♕h4 11.♗f2 ♕f6= Bacrot 2718 – Aronian 2797, Beijing (blitz) 2014]

4.g4 as in the game

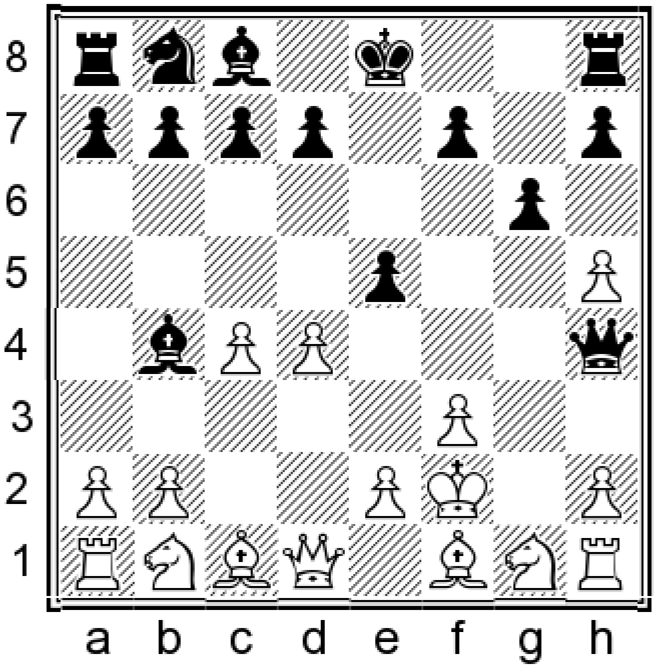
4.g4!? e5!



This is the basic idea behind the move 3...♘h5. Now the knight cannot be taken because that loses for White!

5.♘h3N

[5.gh5? ♗b4! (not 5...♕h4? 6.♔d2 ed4 Ponomariov 2714 – Aronian 2797, Beijing (blitz) 2014 because 7.♕a4!± stops the threat of ...♗b4) 6.♔f2 (6.♘c3 ♕h4 7.♔d2 ed4–+) 6...♕h4



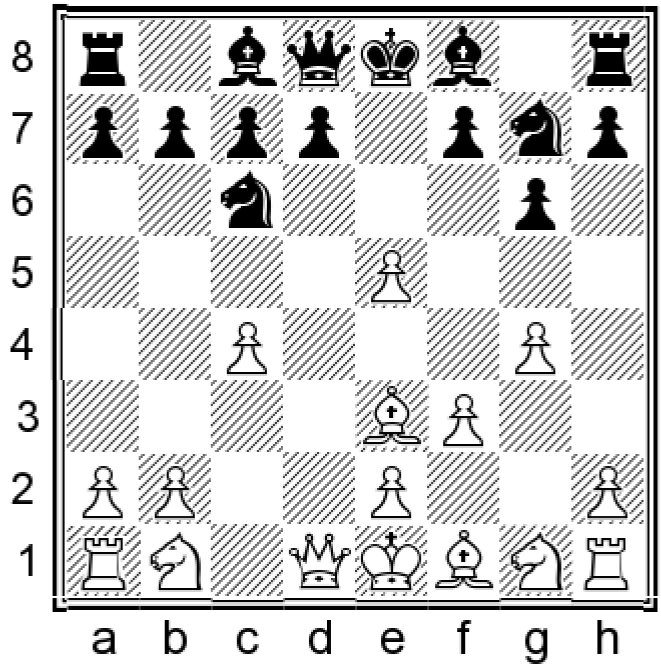
7.♔g2 (7.♔e3 d5!–+ Khodashenas 2495 –Mosadeghpour 2437, Iran 2016, when 8.cd5 ♗f5! introduces a winning attack for Black, who has many threats here, even the funny ...♗c2 is deadly!)

A) 7...♗e1!? 8.♘h3 (not 8.♗e3? gh5–+) but 8...d6 is still a clear advantage for Black.

B) 7...gh5! 8.♘h3 (8.f4 ♗e1 9.♔f3 d5–+) 8...♖g8–+.

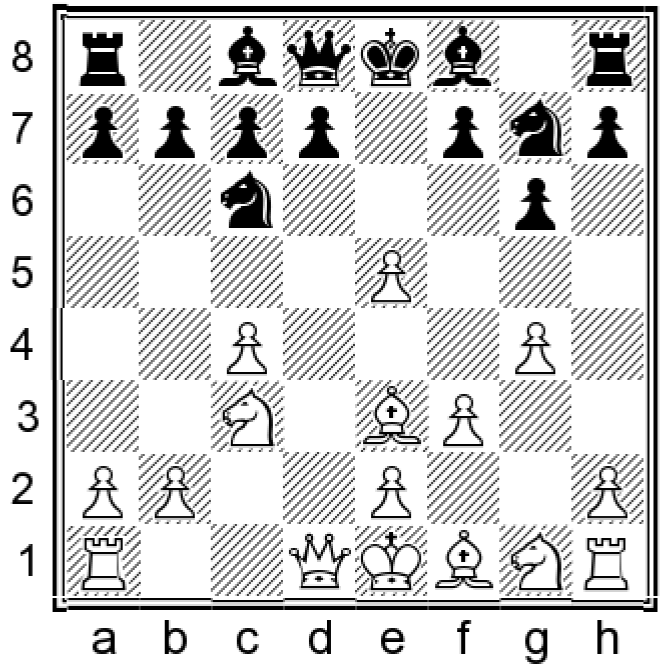
5.♗e3!? ♘g7

A) 6.de5?! ♘c6

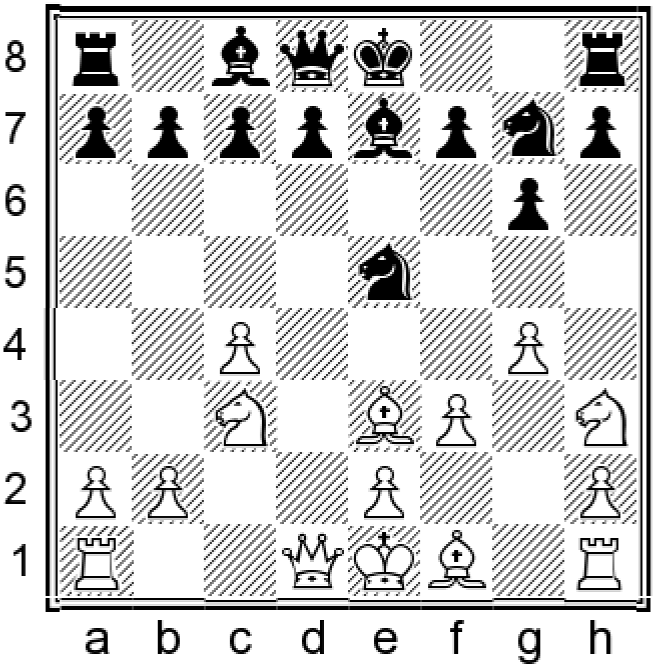


Here I think Black has more than enough compensation for the pawn and in fact stands better!

7.♘c3 (7.f4?! d6! 8.ed6 ♗g4 9.dc7 ♕c7–+ or 8.g5 ♗e6 9.ed6 ♘f5!∓)



7...♗e7 (7...♘e5 8.♗d4 d6∓) 8.♘h3 ♘e5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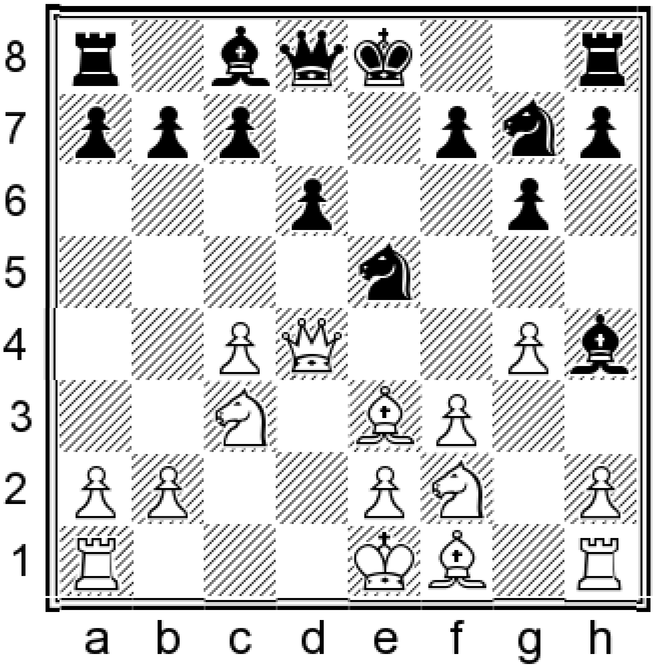
9.♕d4 (⌓ 9.♕b3 ♗h4 10.♘f2 d6 11.0-0-0 0-0↑) 9...♗h4 (9...d6 10.♘d5 ♗h4 11.♗f2 0-0 12.0-0-0 ♗e6∓) 10.♘f2 d6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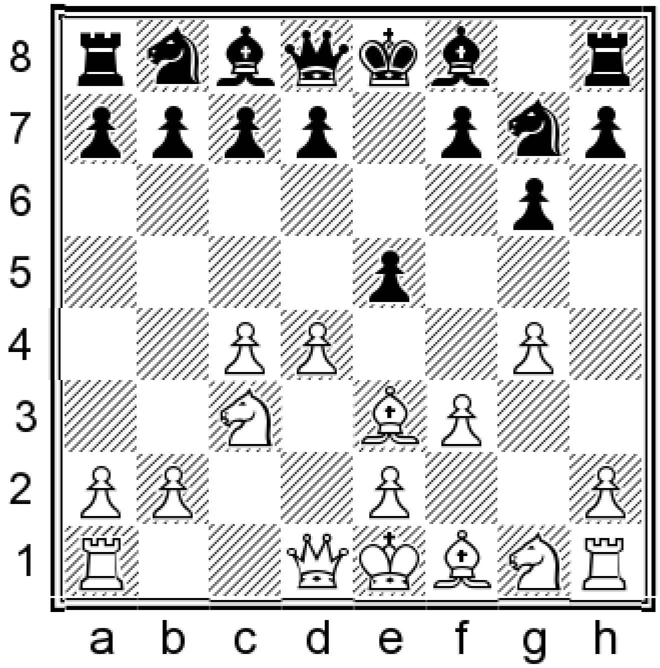
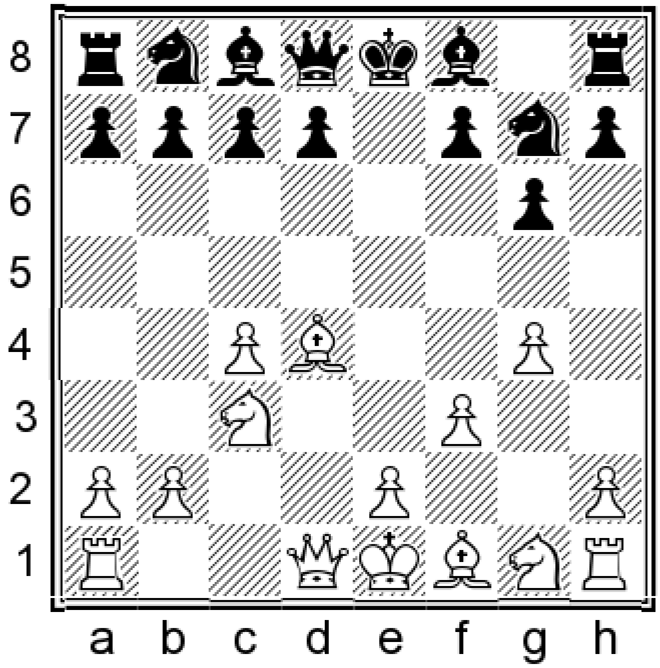
11.♘ce4?! (11.0-0-0 0-0 12.c5 f5! 13.cd6 cd6∓ 14.♕d6?? ♕d6 15.♖d6 ♘c4–+) 11...f5! 12.f4 ♘e6 13.♕c3 fe4 14.fe5 0-0–+ Brendel 2333 – Troff 2501, Atlantic City 2016)

B) 6.♘c3



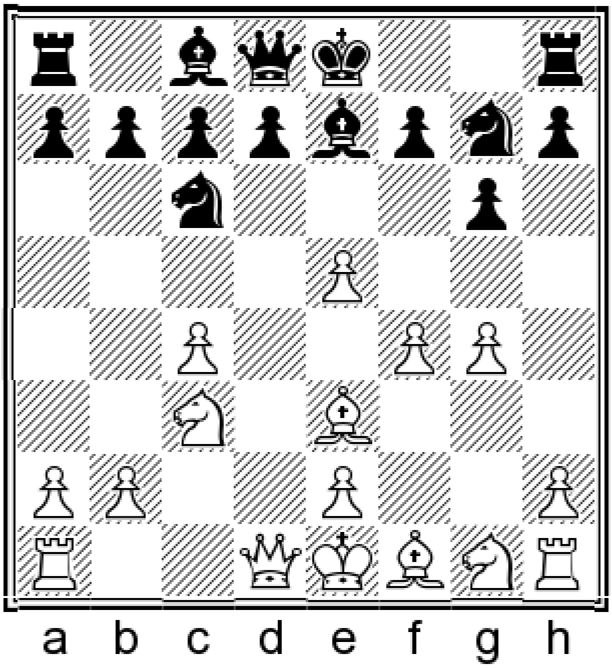
B1) 6...ed4?! is the most human-like move, in order to follow up with ...♘c6. But unfortunately White has 7.♗d4



7...c5!? (7...♘c6 8.♘d5! ♘d4 9.♕d4 leaves Black with several problems: Engines say 9...f6! 10.0-0-0± is not too bad, but I would not like to be Black here!) 8.♗f2 h5!?∞ Again a typical idea, but one which does not work well here. (Also 8...♘c6 9.♕d2 ♘e6 10.0-0-0 ♗g7 11.e3± favours White.) 9.♕c2 d6 10.0-0-0 hg4 11.♔b1!=∞ and now White has very good compensation.);

B2) 6...♗e7

B2a) 7.de5 ♘c6 8.f4 (8.♕d5 ♗h4!)

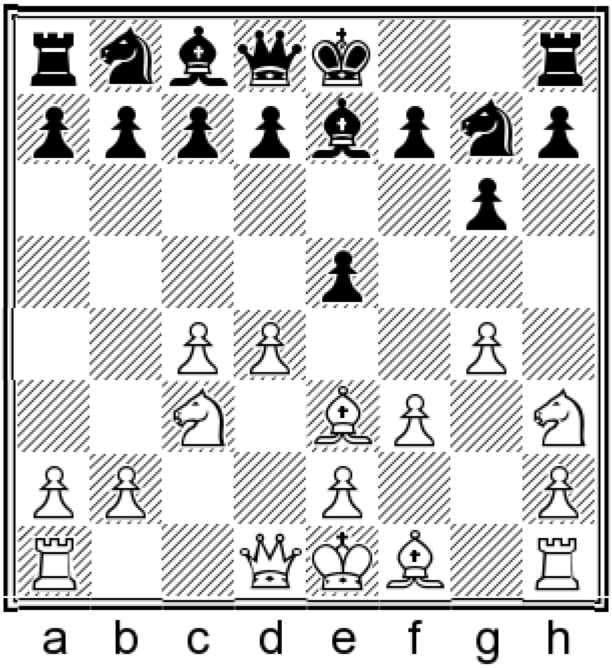


B2a1) 8...♗h4 9.♗f2 ♗f2 10.♔f2 ♕h4 11.♔e3 which probably no one would play with White, obviously it is a computer line! 11...g5 (11...d5!?; 11...d6!?) 12.♘f3 gf4 13.♔d2 ♕d8∞;

B2a2) 8...d6! 9.g5 (9.ed6 ♗h4 10.♗f2 ♗f2 11.♔f2 ♕h4∓) 9...de5 10.♕d8 ♗d8∓ and this kind of position is pleasant for Black.

B2b) 7.♗f2 h5! 8.gh5 (8.de5 ♘c6) 8...♗h4!↑.

B2c) 7.♘h3!



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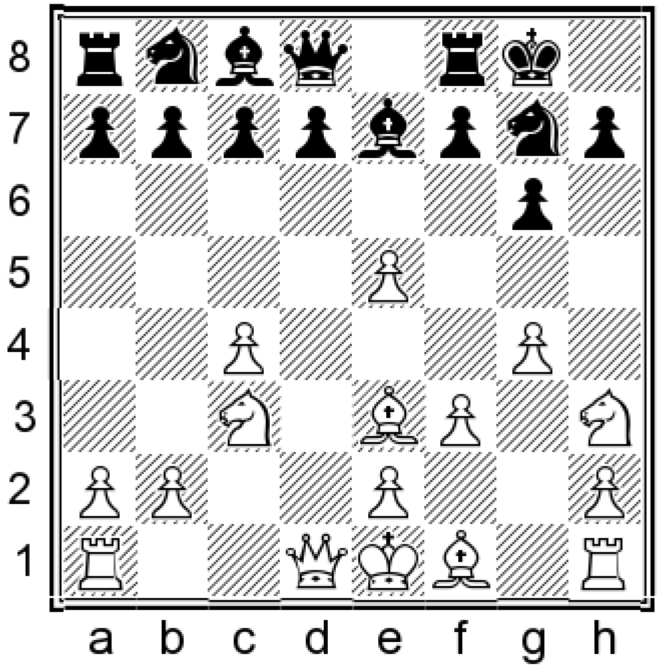
Now:

B2c1) 7...♗h4 8.♗f2 d6 9.de5 de5 10.♕d5! ♗f2 11.♘f2 ♕e7 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.h4↑ ♘c6 14.♕d2!±;

B2c2) 7...d6 8.de5 de5 9.♕d8 ♗d8 10.0-0-0 h5 11.♗g2 (11.♖d8 ♔d8 12.♗g5 ♔e8 13.♗f6; 11.♘f2 ♗e6 12.b3

♘d7 13.h3 ♗h4) 11...♗e6;

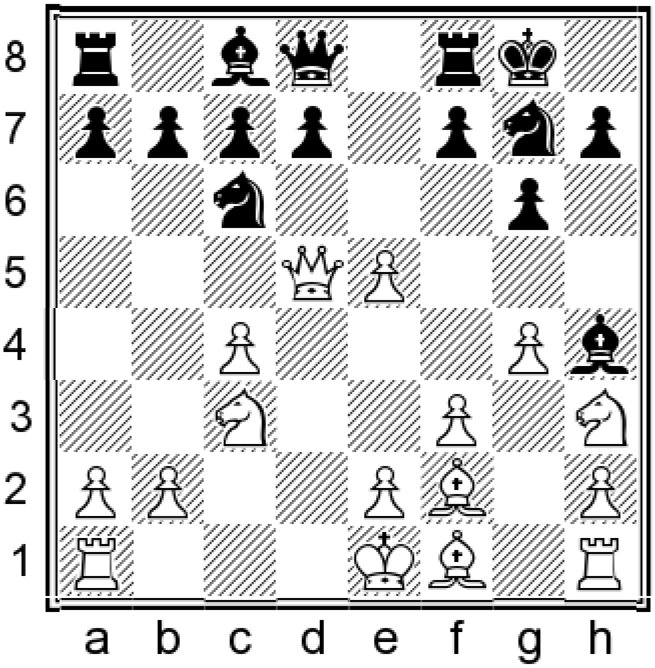
B2c3) 7...0-0 8.de5



8...♘c6

B2c31) 9.f4 d6 10.ed6 ♗d6 11.♖g1 h5!=∞ This h5 move is a typical idea after 4.g4 and it works here too! I think Black has enough compensation: 12.g5 (12.gh5? ♗h3 13.♗h3 ♕h4–+) 12...♖e8∓;

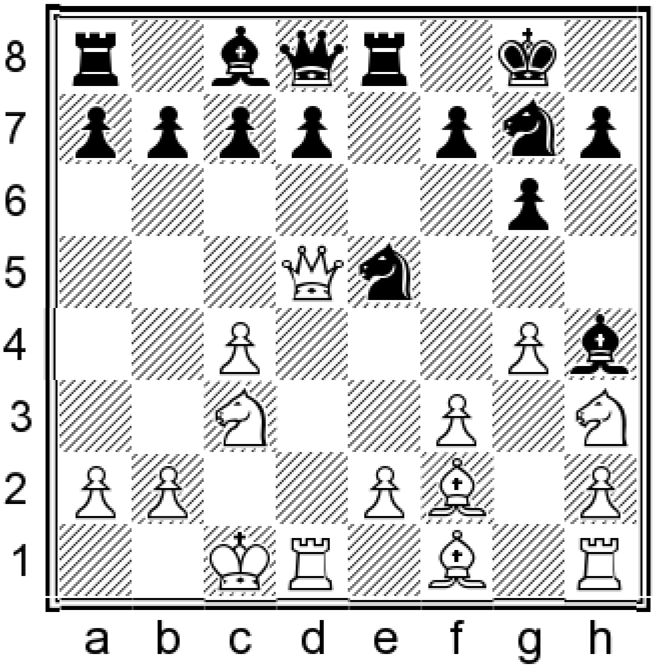
B2c32) 9.♕d5! ♗h4 10.♗f2



10...♖e8 (10...d6 11.ed6 ♗e6 12.♕d2 ♗f2 13.♘f2 ♗c4)

B2c321) 11.f4?! d6 12.ed6 ♗g4 13.dc7 ♕c7! 14.♗h4 ♘b4→ You should definitely check this line with your engine, but again I think Black has enough compensation for the material sacrificed: 15.♕b5 (15.♕d2 ♘f5 16.♗f6 ♘e3 17.♗e5 ♖e5 18.fe5 ♘bc2 19.♔f2 ♕c4! 20.♖g1 ♗h3–+) 15...♘c2 16.♔f2 ♗e6!! 17.♖d1 ♘e3! 18.♖d3 ♗h3∓;

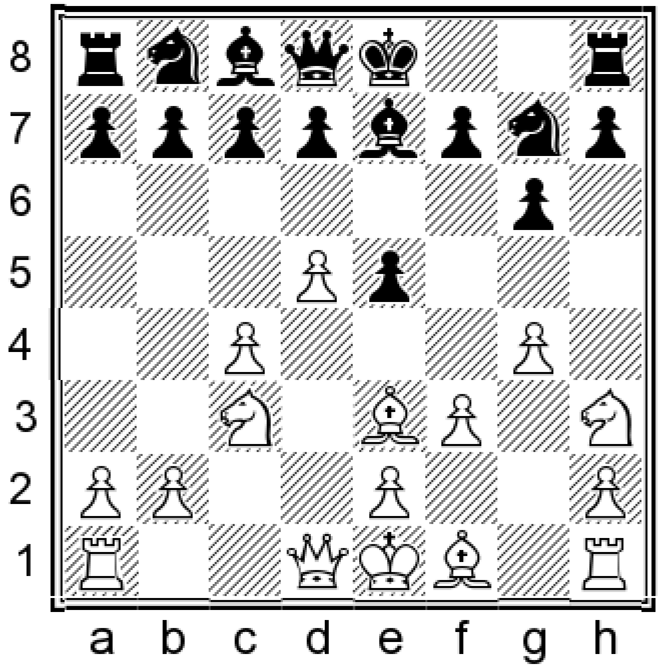
B2c322) 11.0-0-0! ♘e5



12.c5!↑ Here White has a pleasant position because of his space advantage. 12...c6 (12...d6 13.cd6 cd6 14.♕d6; 12...♖b8 13.♗g3!±) 13.♕b3±;

B2c4) 7...♘c6

If you play the King’s Indian, then probably you will know that this kind of manoeuvre ...♘c6–d5–♘b8 is a typical idea for Black. However, I do not like it here! 8.d5 ♘b8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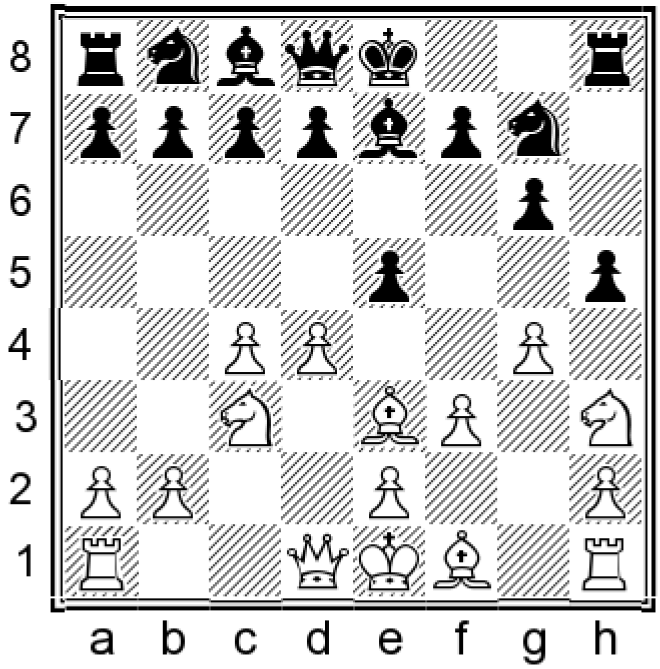
9.♕d2 (I do not think that a human would play 9.♗h6!? when might follow 9...♗h4 10.♔d2 0-0 11.♔c2 d6 12.e4 a5 13.♖c1 ♘a6 14.♔b1 ♘c5 15.♕d2±) 9...d6 10.♗h6 ♗h4 11.♘f2 0-0 12.e4± (12.♗g2 f5);

B2c5) 7...ed4 8.♕d4 0-0 9.0-0-0 ♘c6 10.♕d2±;

B2c6) After a lot of analysis I think I have found the best way to continue: 7...h5!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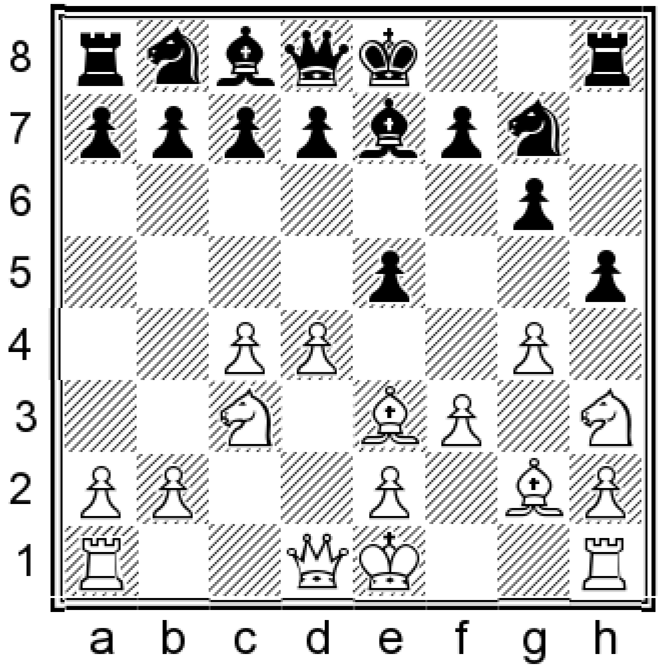
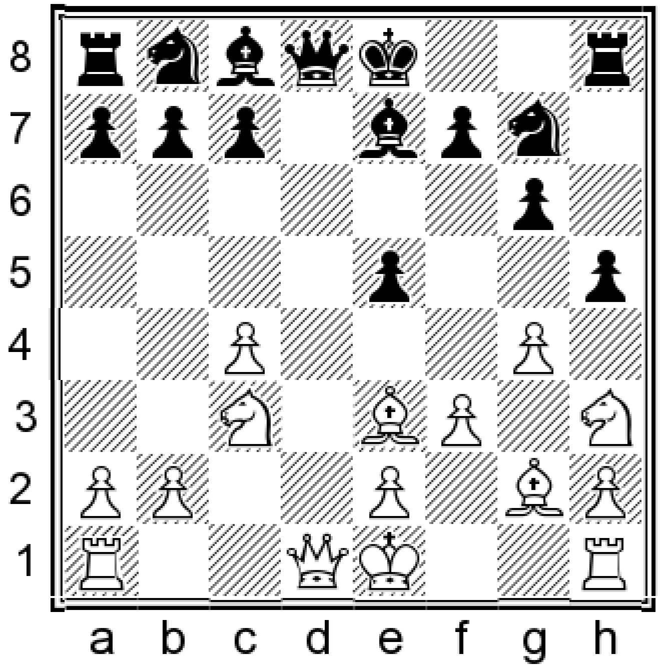
8.♗g2! (8.gh5?! ♗h4↑)



B2c61) 8...ed4 9.♗d4 hg4 10.fg4 0-0 11.♘d5 ♘c6 12.♗c3 d6 13.♘f2 ♘e5 14.0-0±;

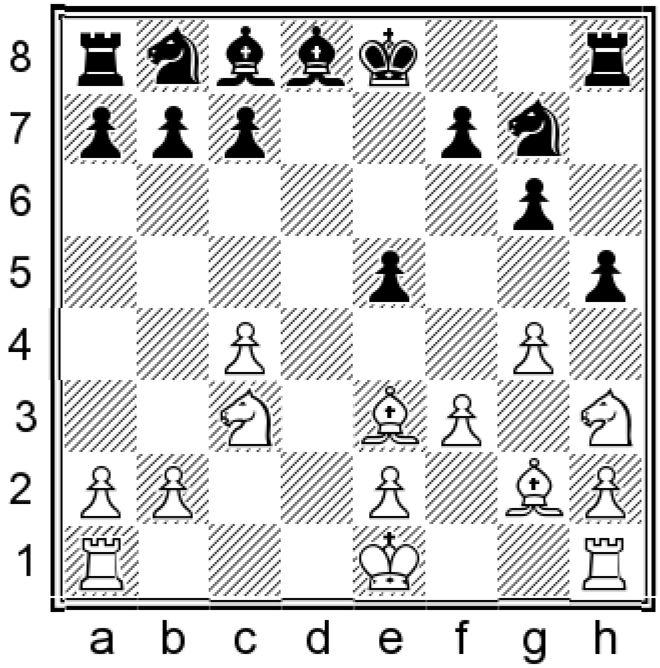
B2c62) 8...hg4 9.fg4 d6 (9...♘c6 10.d5 ♘b8 11.d6 ♗d6 12.♘g5 ♗e7 13.h4) 10.de5 de5 11.♕d8 ♗d8 12.0-0-0±;

B2c63) 8...d6! 9.de5 de5



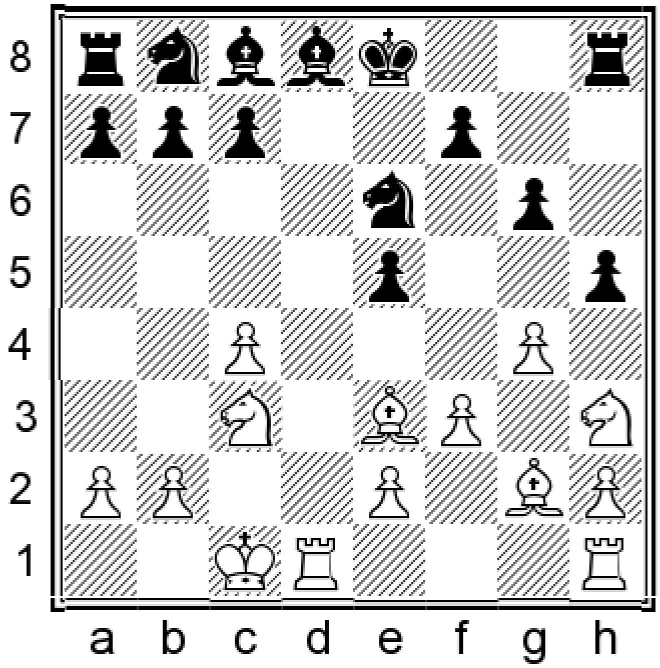
B2c631) 10.♘f2 ♕d1 11.♖d1 ♗e6 12.f4 (12.♘b5 ♘a6 13.b3 0-0=) 12...c6=;

B2c632) 10.♕d8 ♗d8



B2c6321) 11.♘f2 ♗e6 12.b3 ♘d7 13.0-0-0 ♗h4! (13...♗e7 14.♘d5 ♗d5 15.cd5 hg4 16.fg4 f5!?=) 14.h3 0-0-0 15.♘fe4 f5=;

B2c6322) 11.0-0-0 ♘e6

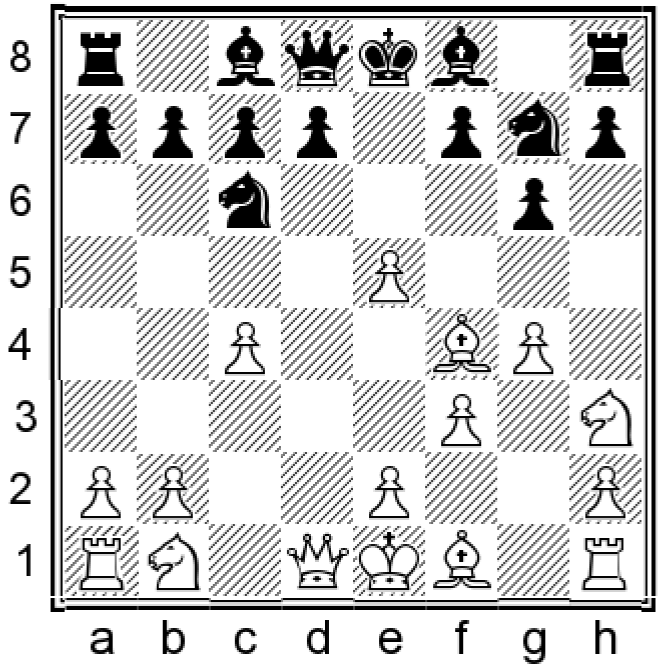


And though Black has a solid position, it is very tricky to play over the board! 12.♘f2 ♘f4! 13.♗f4 ef4 14.♘d3 c6! 15.♘e4 ♔e7

B2c63221) 16.gh5 ♖h5 17.♘f4 ♖h4 18.♘d6 (18.♘d3 ♗c7⯹) 18...♗d7 19.e3 ♗b6⯹;

B2c63222) 16.♘f4 ♗c7⯹ and Black has good compensation for the pawn.]

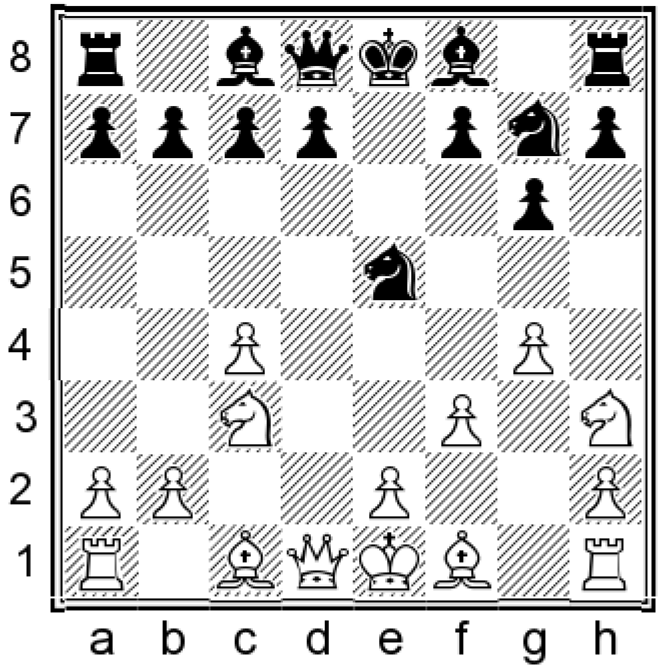
5...♘g7 6.de5 ♘c6 7.♗f4



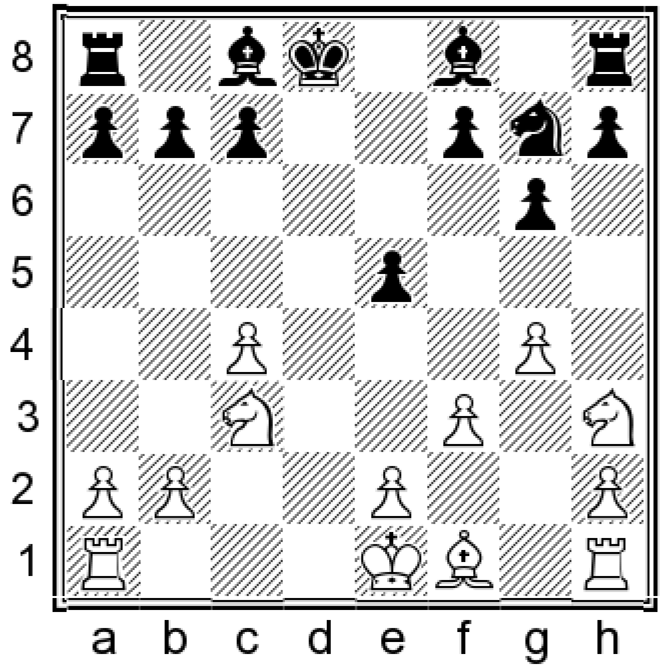
[7.♘c3 Now Black has:
A) 7...♕h4!? 8.♘f2 ♘e6 9.e3 h5 10.h3 d6 11.♗d2±;

B) 7...♘e6!? 8.♘f2 ♘e5 (8...♕h4 9.e3 is a transposition into 7....♕h4) 9.f4 ♘c4 10.f5!±;

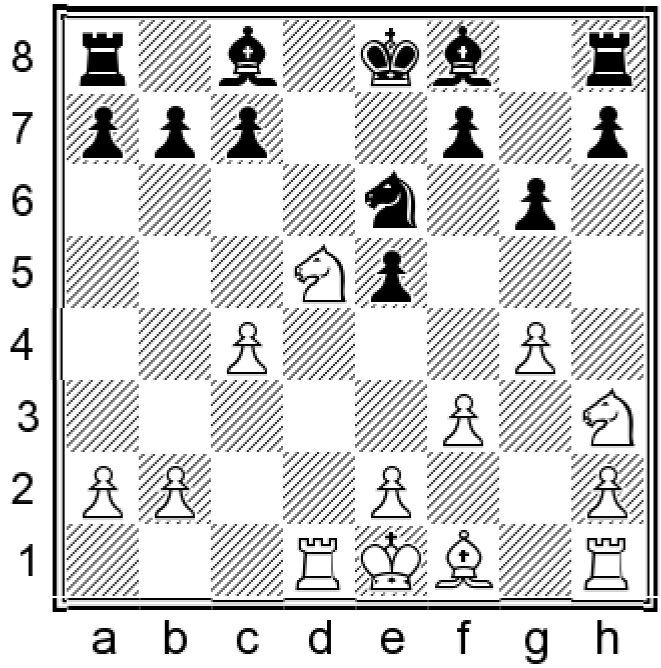
C) But 7...♘e5 is critical:



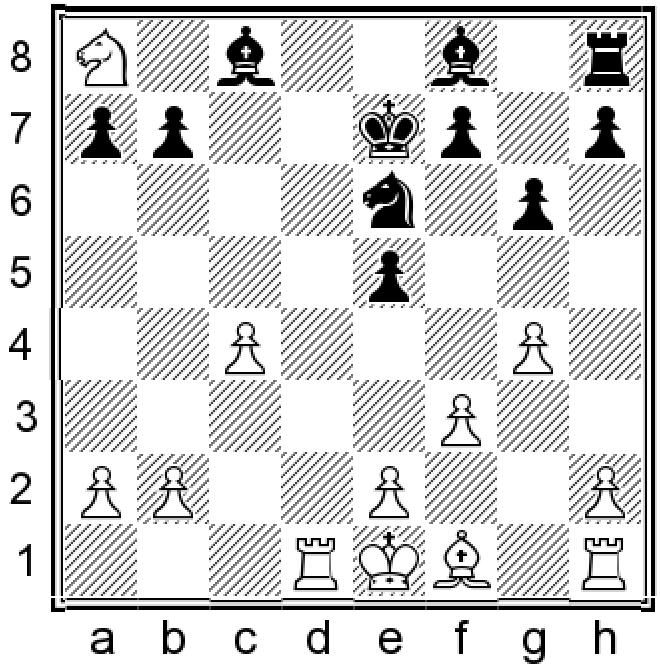
There are many options for Black and probably White is better if you trust the engine, but this can be a very tricky position in over the board play!
C1) 8.♗f4 d6 (8...f6 9.♕c2 ♘e6 10.0-0-0 ♗g7∞ also playable but I prefer 8...d6) 9.♗e5 de5 10.♕d8 ♔d8



11.♖d1 (11.♘g5 ♗e6 12.0-0-0 ♔e8 13.♘b5 ♖c8 14.♘a7 ♖d8=∞; 11.0-0-0 ♔e8 12.♘d5 ♘e6 and because the white king is on c1 there is no chance of ♘g5 because of ...♗h6. Then 13.♘f6 ♔e7 14.♘d5 ♔e8=) 11...♔e8 12.♘d5 ♘e6



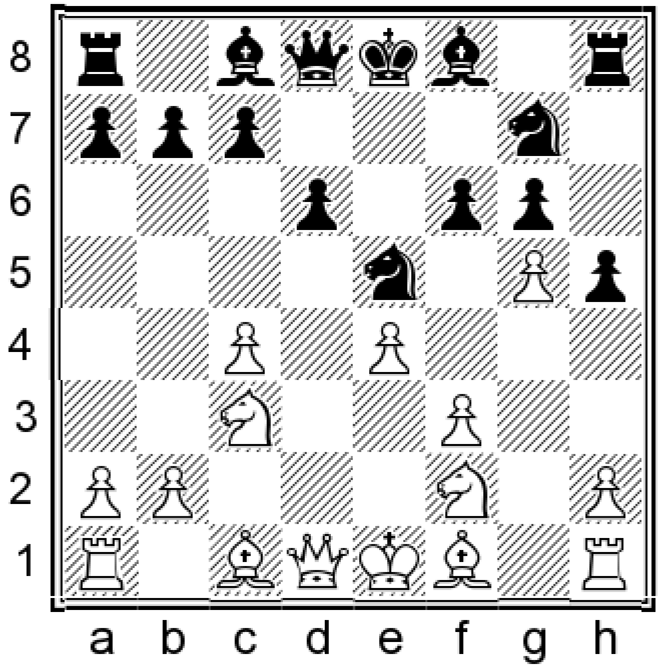
13.♘g5!? (13.♘f6 ♔e7 14.♘d5 ♔e8=) 13...♘g5! 14.♘c7 ♔e7 15.♘a8 ♘e6↑



I think this should be okay for Black, because the a8♘ is trapped. 16.♖d5! b6! 17.♖e5 ♔f6 18.♖d5 ♗c5!;

C2) After 8.♘f2! there are a few alternatives:

C2a) 8...d6 9.e4 h5!? (9...♘c6 10.♗e3 ♘e6 11.♕d2; 9...f5 10.gf5 gf5) 10.g5 f6∞

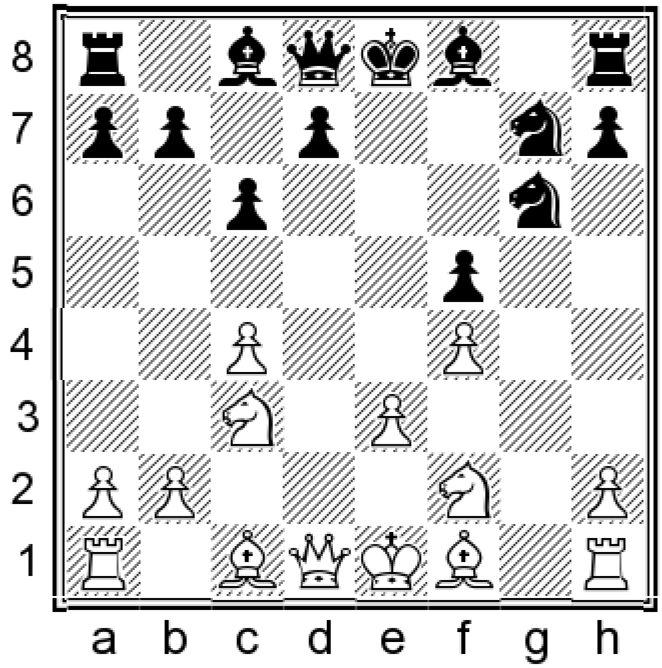


I think this position is also playable for Black, however you should check it with your engine: 11.h4 c6!? to prevent ♘d5 (11...♗e7 12.♗e2±) 12.♗e3 ♗e6 13.f4 ♘g4 14.♘g4 hg4 15.♗e2;

C2b) 8...♘e6 9.f4! ♘c4 10.f5!↑;

C2c) 8...h5!? 9.g5 ♘e6 10.♘fe4 ♗g7 11.♘d5↑;

C2d) 8...c6!? 9.e3! (9.e4?! ♗c5∓; 9.♕d4?! d6↑) 9...f5! 10.gf5 gf5 11.f4 ♘g6∞



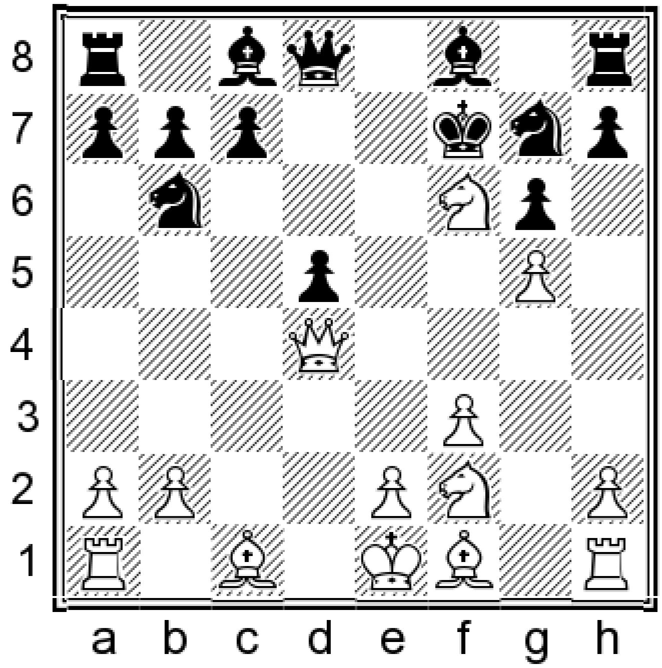
This is an interesting position, sometimes you can see similar formations in the Benoni, but nevertheless I prefer White here: 12.♗d2 d6 (12...♗e7 13.♕f3 d6 14.0-0-0 ♗e6 15.♖g1 ♗f6) 13.♕c2± (13.♕f3±) ;

C2e) 8...♘c4!? 9.♕d4 ♘b6

C2e1) 10.a4 d6 11.a5 ♘d7;

C2e2) 10.♘fe4 f6 11.♘f6 (11.♕f6?! ♕f6 12.♘f6 ♔f7=) 11...♔f7 12.♘fe4 (12.g5 ♘e6=) 12...♗e7 13.♗h6 ♘e6 14.♕f2 ♗h4 15.♘g3 ♕f6∞;

C2e3) 10.♘ce4 f6! 11.♘f6 ♔f7 12.g5 (12.♘6e4?! ♘e6! 13.♕h8?? ♗b4) 12...d5



At first sight this looks scary but in fact it is not that bad, so if you like these kinds of position then go for it!

C2e31) 13.♘2g4 ♗g4 14.fg4 (14.♘g4 ♘f5!∓) 14...♘e6↑;

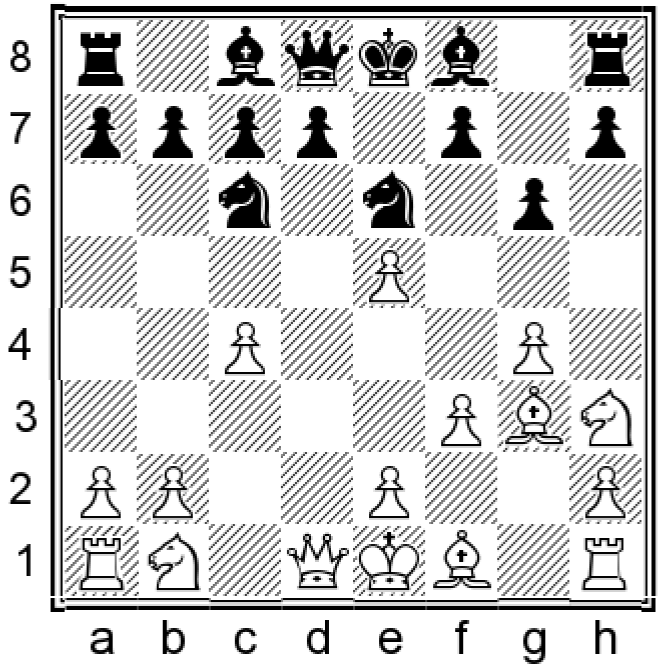
C2e32) 13.e4 ♗e7=;

C2e33) 13.♘d3 ♘f5∞;

7.♗g5 ♗e7

8.f4 (8.♗e7 ♕e7 9.♘c3 ♘e5 10.♘d5 ♕h4 11.♘f2 ♘e6=) 8...d6! 9.♗e7 (9.ed6 ♕d6 10.♕d6 ♗d6 11.♘f2 h6 12.♗f6 0-0≌) 9...♕e7 10.ed6 ♕h4 11.♘f2 ♗g4 12.dc7 0-0≌ and I think Black has enough compensation for the material.]

7...♘e6 8.♗g3

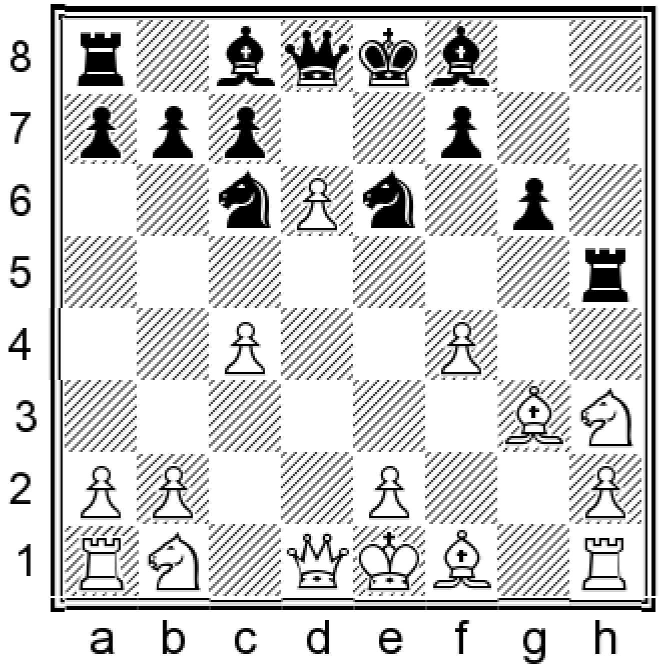


8...h5!? Again a typical move!
[8...♗g7 9.f4 d6 10.♘c3 (10.f5 gf5 11.gf5 ♘ed4) 10...de5 11.♕d8 ♘cd8! 12.f5 (12.fe5 ♘c6) 12...gf5 13.gf5 ♘d4=/∞]

9.gh5
[9.♘c3 hg4 10.fg4 ♗g7 11.♕d5 b6↑]

9...♖h5 10.f4 d6!
Of course Black has to open the position!

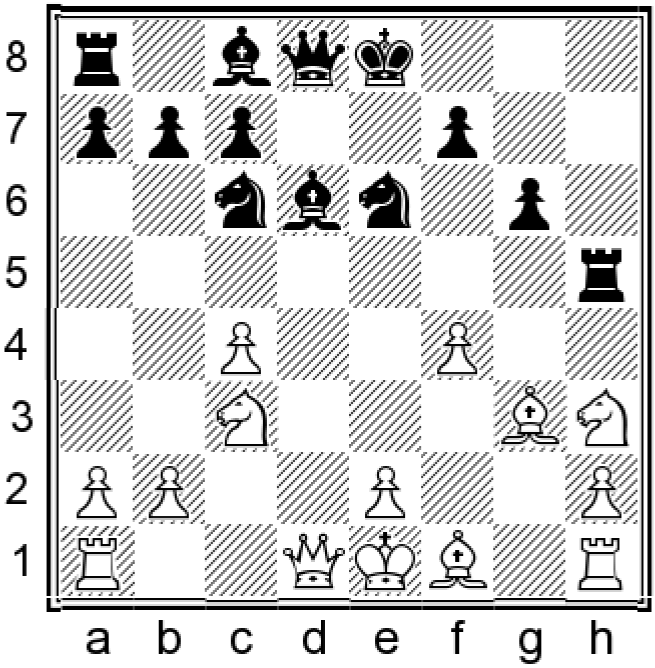
11.ed6



11...♗d6⩱

[I saw 11...♕d6!↑ but did not want to exchange queens. However this in fact would leave Black with very good compensation for the pawn: 12.♕d6 (12.♘c3 ♕b4 13.♖b1 ♗d7 14.a3 ♕c4∓) 12...♗d6 13.e3 ♘b4 14.♘a3 ♗d7!∓ Black has much better pieces and everything is coming ...♗c6, ♗c5, 0-0-0 etc.]

12.♘c3



12...♕f6

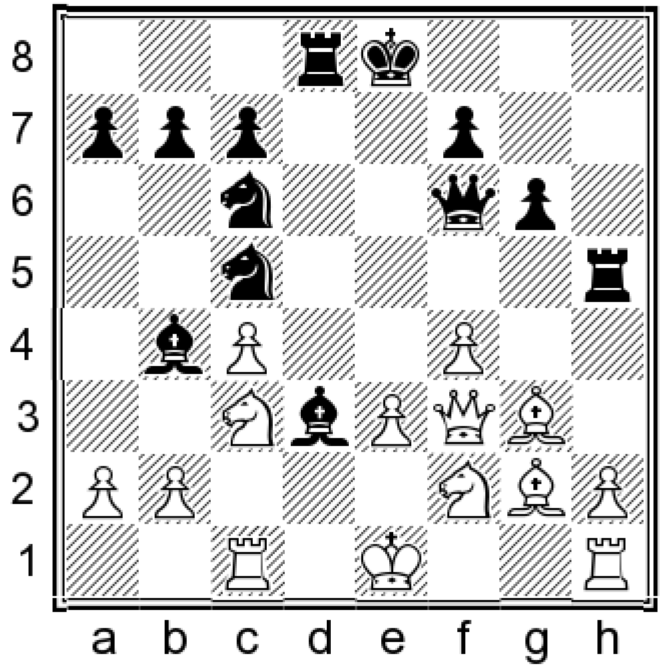
[12...♘ed4 13.♘f2 ♘f5⩱ 14.e4? ♘e3 15.♕c1 ♘b4 16.♗d3 ♗c5–+]

13.e3

[⌓ 13.♕d2 ♗b4⩱]

13...♗b4! 14.♖c1 ♘c5 I wanted to move all my pieces to their best squares.

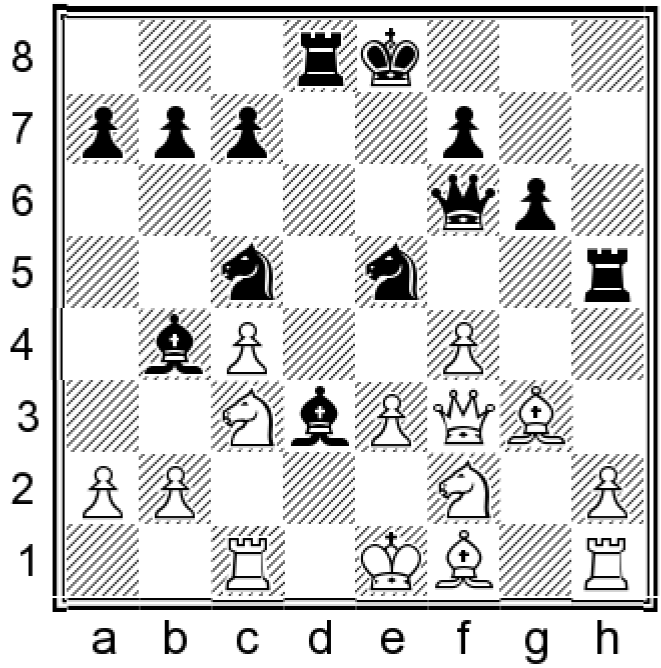
15.♘f2 ♗f5 16.♗g2 ♖d8 17.♕f3 ♗d3!



During the game I felt that I was doing pretty good!

18.♗f1
[18.a3 ♕e6!! (18...♗a5∓) 19.ab4 ♘d4!–+ and everything collapses.]

18...♘e5!–+



I guess my oppenent missed this nice idea.

19.♕g2 ♗f1
[19...♕b6! 20.fe5 ♗c3 21.bc3 ♕b2–+]

20.♔f1 ♘c4 21.♔g1 ♘b2!?
[21...♕b6–+]

22.♘g4 ♕e6 23.f5 ♖f5 24.♘b5

We were both in time trouble so it was not so easy to calculate all the possibilities here.

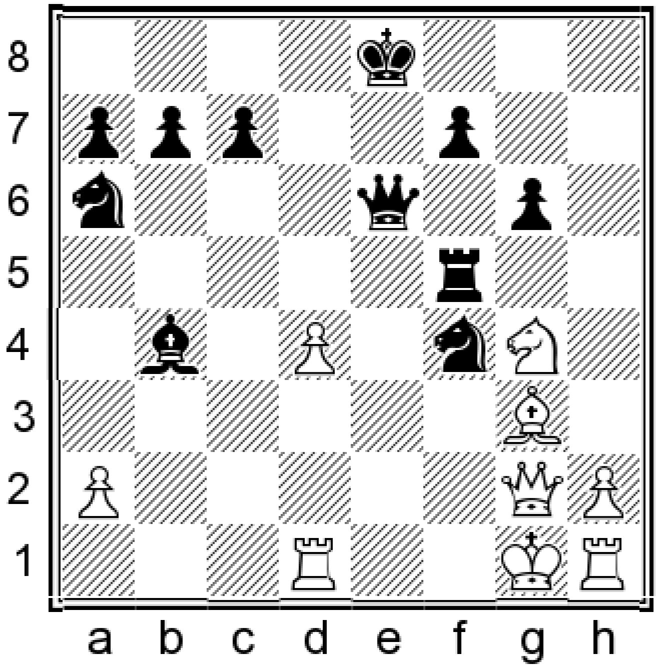
24...♘a6

[Here the engines give many crazy winning lines but I choose to give the most human-like one: 24...♕c4! 25.♘c7 ♔e7!; 24...♕e4 is also decisive.]

25.♘d4

[25.♕b7 ♖g5 26.♕a6 ♕g4–+]

25...♖d4 26.ed4 ♘d3∓ 27.♖d1 ♘f4



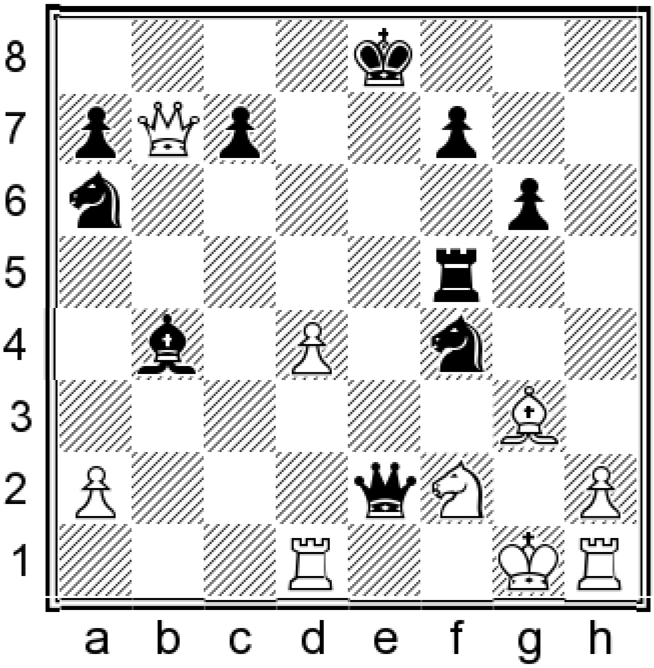
28.♕b7?

[Better is 28.♗f4 ♖f4 29.h3 ♗d6∓ but in a practical game it would still be hopeless for White.]

28...♕e2

[28...♘e2 29.♔g2 ♘g3–+ was easier.]

29.♘f2



29...♔f8!–+ Safety first!

30.h4 ♘h5! 31.♕c8 ♔g7 32.♗e5 ♖e5 33.de5 ♗e1! 34.♖e1 ♕e1 35.♔g2 ♘f4 36.♔f3 ♕e2 37.♔f4 ♕f2 38.♔e4 ♘c5 39.♔d5 ♘e6 40.♔c4 ♕c5

This is one of my favourite games!
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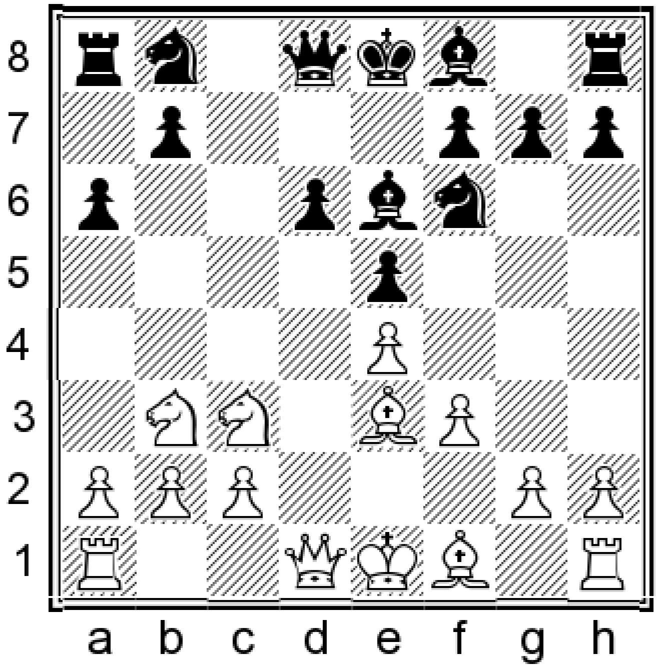
MIRRORING

WHEN THE ENGLISH ATTACK AGAINST THE SICILIAN IS MET BY 8...H5

In this mirror we will be looking at the English Attack in the Najdorf Sicilian which arises after the following moves:

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cd4 4.♘d4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.f3



With this move White prepares for a future g2-g4, in order to create an attack on the kingside. Now Black’s two main responses are 8...♗e7 and 8...♘bd7. However instead of these we will be investigating the interesting option.

8...h5!? ...after which we have reached the starting position of this mirror.

8...h5 is an interesting move which, in particular, has been frequently adopted by Veselin Topalov.

White’s launch of a kingside attack with g4 is for the time being effectively halted. On the other hand the move ...h5 has weakened Black’s kingside, which makes short castling for Black unappealing.
[Playing the same idea with the move order 8...♗e7 9.♕d2 h5 is probably slightly inaccurate due to 10.♘d5 ♘d5 11.ed5 ♗f5 12.♗e2, when White opted for 0-0 followed by c4 with a good game in Kasimdzhanov 2704 – Berg 2567, Germany 2016]

WHITE

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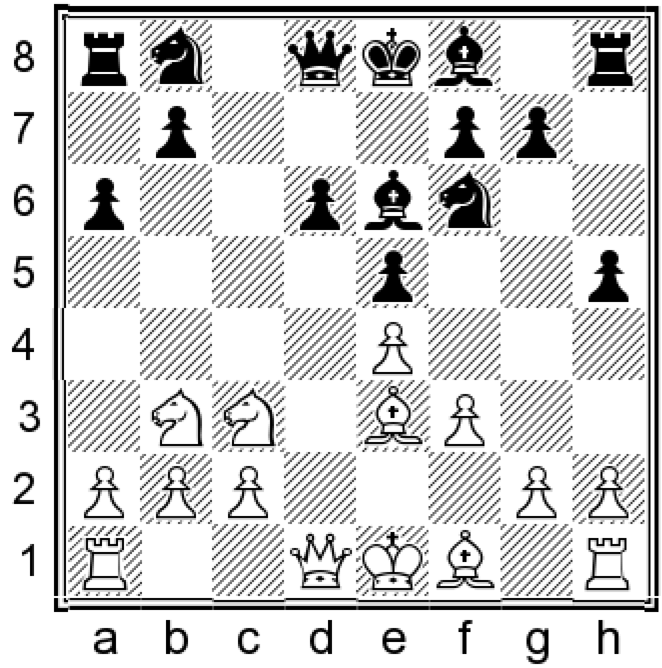
Sengupta 2571 – Sahakyan 2613
Abu Dhabi, 2016



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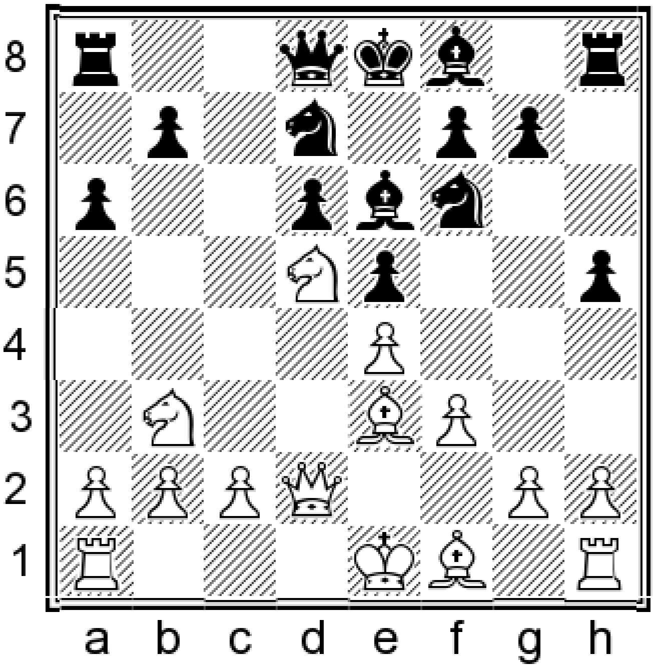
- **Born:** 1981
- **Rating:** 2572
- **Peak rating:** 2627
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 2004

9.♕d2
[The immediate 9.♘d5 is another popular continuation. See next game.]

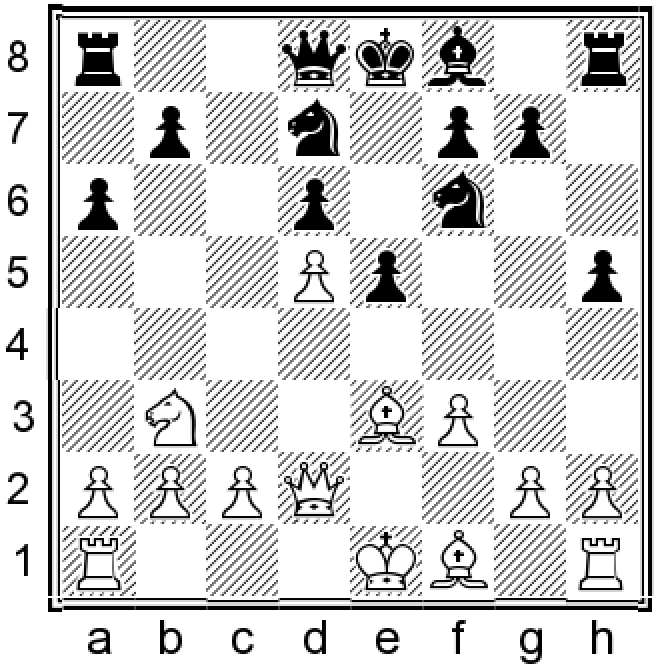
9...♘bd7 10.♘d5



This move has gradually increased in popularity compared with the most frequently played option 10.0-0-0. This is a logical continuation but it decides the position of White’s king very early and this gives Black hope of creating an attack.

10...♗d5 The most popular reply which has been played by Carlsen and other strong players.
[However the alternative 10...♘d5 11.ed5 ♗f5, to retain the bishop-pair, also deserves serious attention.]

11.ed5



11...a5?! This move prevents a knight jump to a5, while also preparing for ...a4. However the square b5 thereby becomes severely weakened.

[11...g6, intending ...♗g7, is the main continuation. RR Tomczak 2603 – Swiercz 2665, Polska (ch) 2016 – 128/81]

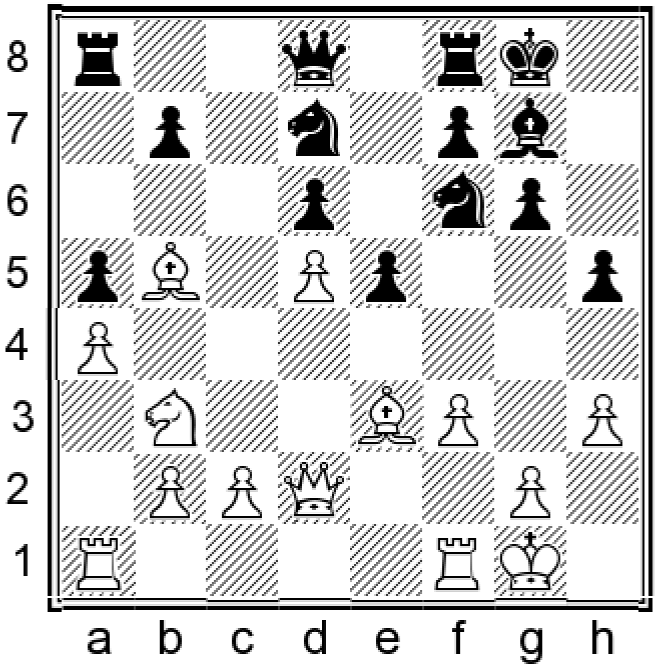
12.a4! Effectively stopping Black's queenside advance. This move also gives White even further control over the weak b5-square.

12...g6 13.♗b5 ♗g7 14.h3!?N

A quiet waiting move to see what are Black's intentions.

[RR 14.0-0 M. Nikolic 2017 – Georgescu 2459, Serbia 2013]

14...0-0 15.0-0



White has finally completed his development and has a stable plus. Black clearly suffers from the weakness created by the move ...a5 in combination with an exchange of his light squared bishop.

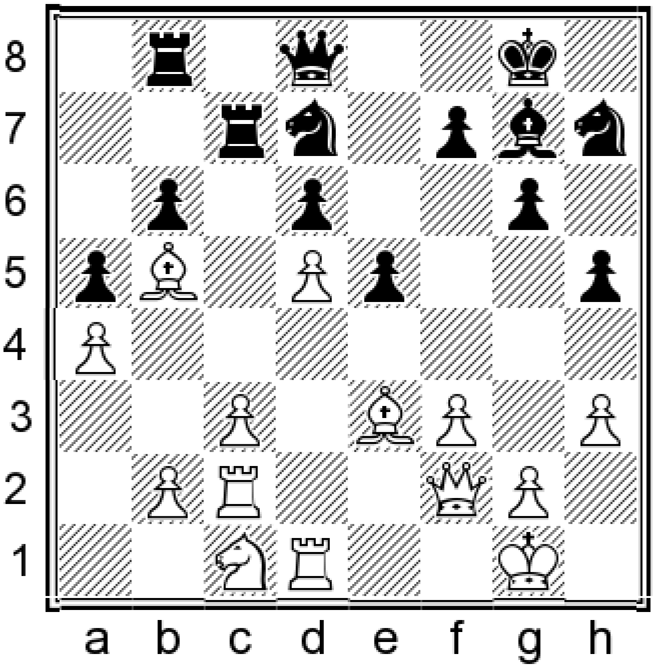
15...♕c7 16.♖ac1!
White is getting ready for c4 in case Black moves his knight to b6.

16...♖fc8 17.♖fd1
White overprotects d5 so that the queen is not tied to its defence.

17...♕d8 18.♕f2 ♖ab8
A rather passsive move, preparing for ...b6 in order to consolidate the queenside.

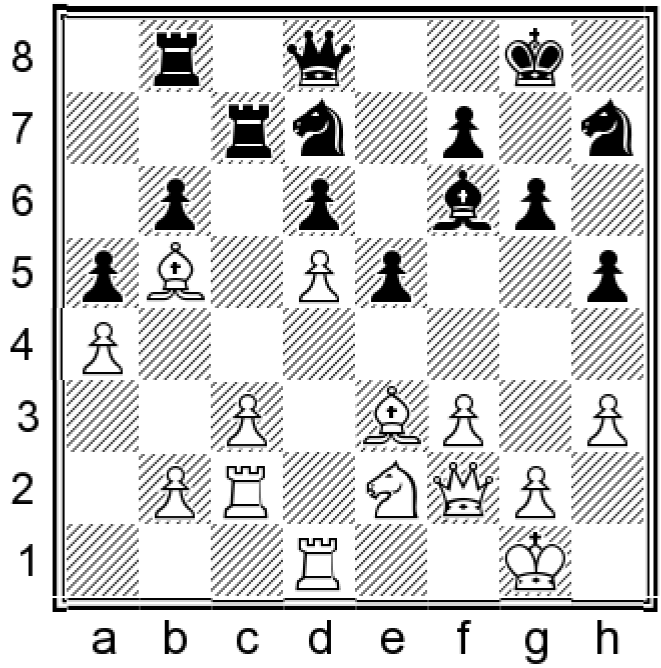
19.c3 b6 20.♖c2 A good move, preparing to regroup the passive knight on b3 via c1.

20...♖c7 21.♘c1 ♘h7



22.♘e2 A very sensible continuation. However the straightforward 22.b4 looks even stronger, with excellent prospects on the queenside for White.

22...♗f6?!
[Here 22...f5 would have been an improvement.]



23.f4! White is about to open the game, after which his bishop-pair becomes very strong. Another important point is that if Black cannot maintain his pawn on e5, then White will be able to jump with his knight via d4 into c6.

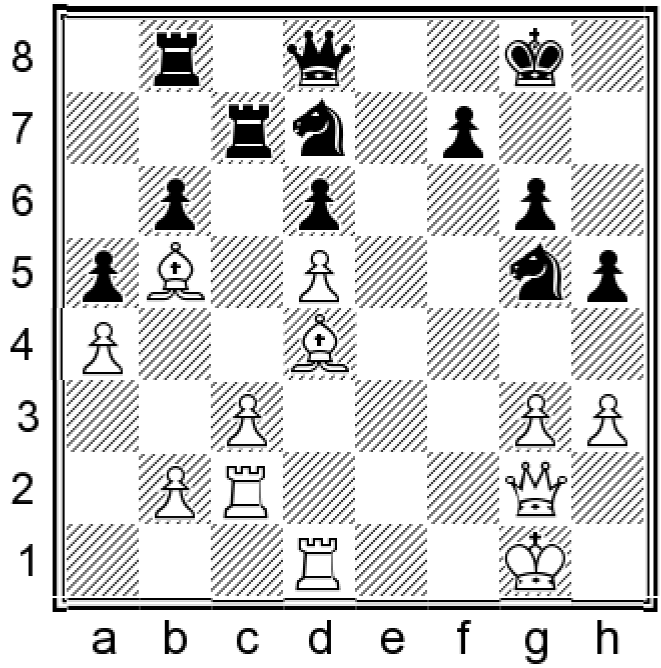
23...♗h4 Trying to provoke some weaknesses from White but that does not unduly concern him.

24.g3 ♗f6 25.fe5 ♗e5
[The alternative 25...de5 invites 26.d6, followed by c4, with a strong initiative for White.]

26.♘d4 Now the threat of ♘c6 will effectively force Black to exchange his other bishop too.

26...♘g5 27.♕g2 ♗d4
Exchanging this bishop in an open position is clearly not something Black likes to do. However he had no real choice.

28.♗d4



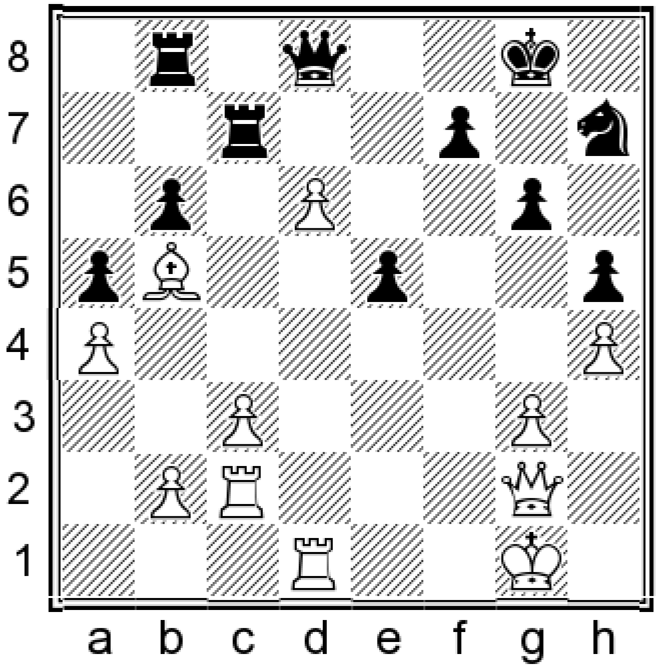
Although the position still remains materially balanced, White is simply much better thanks to his strong bishop-pair and generally active pieces.

28...♘e5? This gives White a much too strong passed d-pawn, which will leave very few hopes of survival for Black. [28...f5! would have been better, when Black still can put up some resistance.]

29.♗e5 de5 30.h4!

Driving away Black’s active knight, after which no counterplay remains for him.

30...♘h7 31.d6

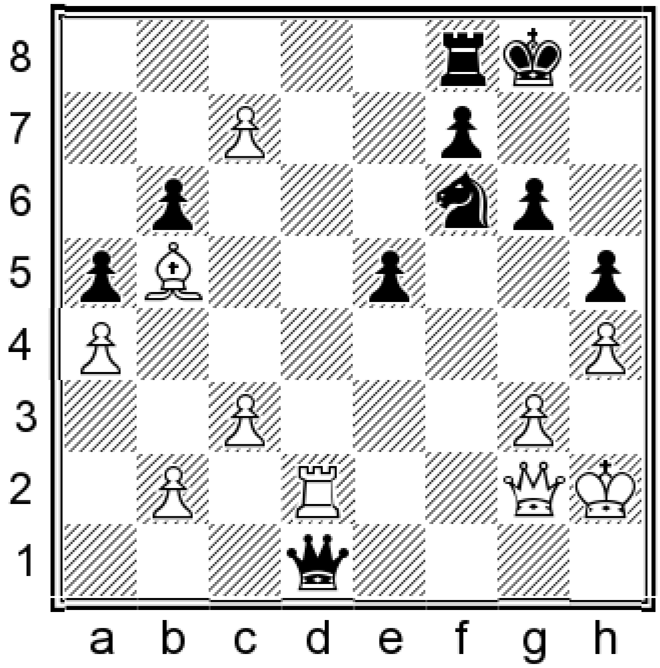


31...♘f6

[31...♖c5 32.♖cd2 would not change much. Black is totally passive due to White’s passed d-pawn, which will soon decide the game for him.]

32.dc7! An effective way to force the win. Black gets a few checks but White remains firmly in control.

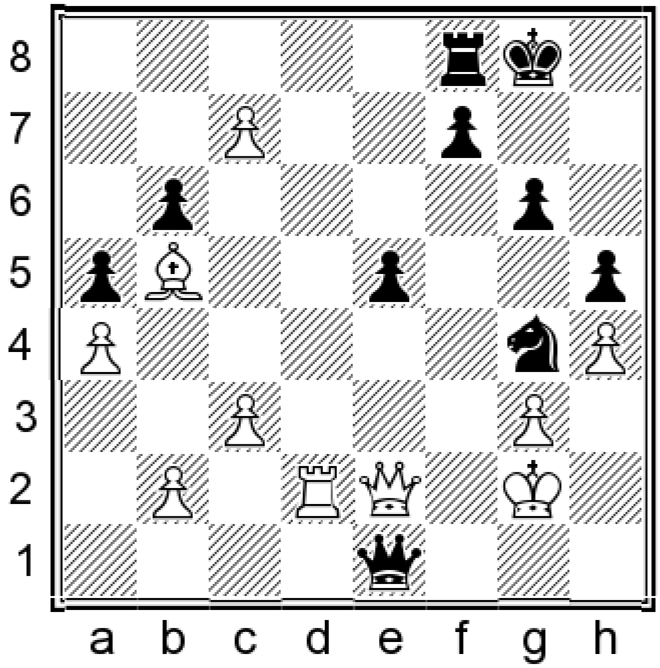
32...♕d1 33.♔h2 ♖f8 34.♖d2



34...♕e1

[34...♘g4 35.♔h3 ♕e1 can be met by 36.♖d8 ♘f2 37.♕f2 ♕f2 38.c8♕+– winning.]

35.♕e2 ♘g4 36.♔g2



36...♕c1

[36...♘e3 looks a bit scary but following 37.♔f3! e4 38.♔f4!+– the checks are over for Black.]

37.♗d7 A well played game by White, making good use of Black’s inaccuracy 11...a5, which caused serious long term weaknesses on the queenside.

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PLAN YOUR PLAY WITH EITHER WHITE OR BLACK!

Mirroring is about two carefully selected annotated games played from the same opening tabiya – a popular and important opening position, from where play branches out to several topical paths.

The goal is to present and explain the main plans and ideas of both sides, conducted in a manner as close as possible to their ideal form. These concepts should serve as a compass for readers, providing an essential tool to help navigate a way through the dense forests of opening theory.

Looking for the “ideal plan” or recipes for quick, “guaranteed” success? Such things do not exist. But our author will do his best to convey his grandmaster knowledge and top-level experience to you, and be your guiding light.

But there is a catch... At first, our author supports White’s cause without any reservations – he is the first player’s best buddy, his guardian angel. And then, in a sudden twist of fate, he switches sides and becomes a dedicated advocate of Black’s position, as if he’s playing the game against his reflection in the mirror...

BLACK

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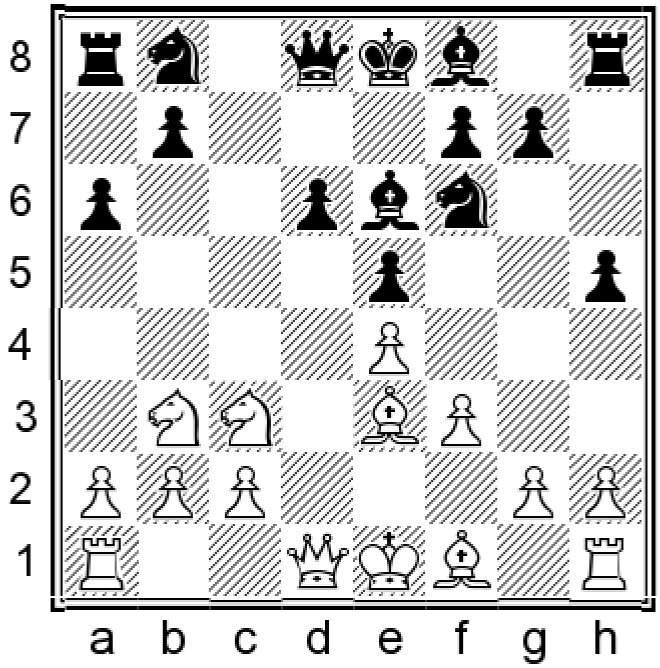
Ferreira 2511 – Berg 2579
Portuguese Team Championship, 2016



9.♘d5

This is the most straightforward move, forcing Black into an early decision on how to capture.

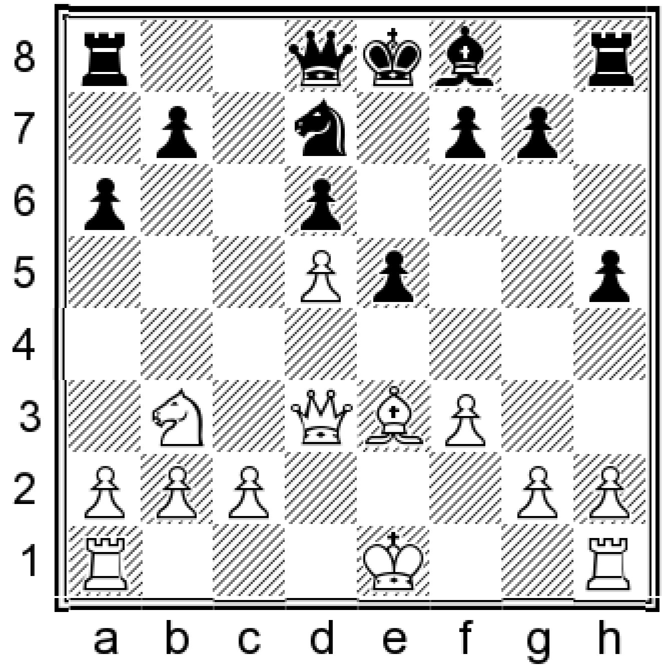
9...♘d5

A solid capture which retains the bishop-pair.

[However 9...♗d5, which has been played by Topalov and Giri among others, is far more popular. After 10.ed5 ♘bd7 Black usually opts for a setup with ...g6 followed by ...♗g7 leading to a complex battle.]

10.ed5 ♗f5 11.♗d3
White develops with tempo and forces an exchange of his worse bishop.

11...♗d3 12.♕d3 ♘d7



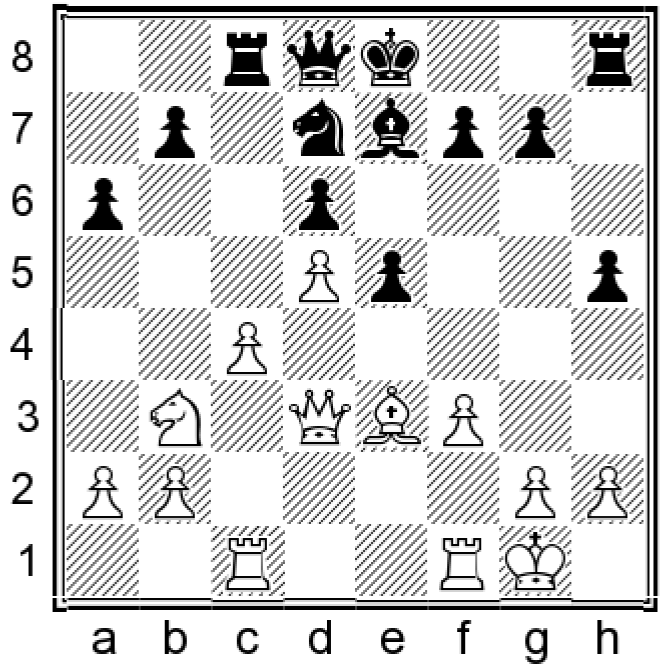
13.0-0 White goes for the safe option of castling short, which avoids a potential attack on his king. Now the game heads for rather more a strategical battle.
[13.0-0-0, as played by Shirov and Adams, is a far more common option.]

13...♗e7 Intending ...♗g5, in order to activate the bishop.

14.c4 White prepares for the typical c5-break, exploiting his queenside majority.
[14.f4 is well countered by 14...0-0.]

14...♖c8
[The immediate 14...0-0 has been played in earlier games.]

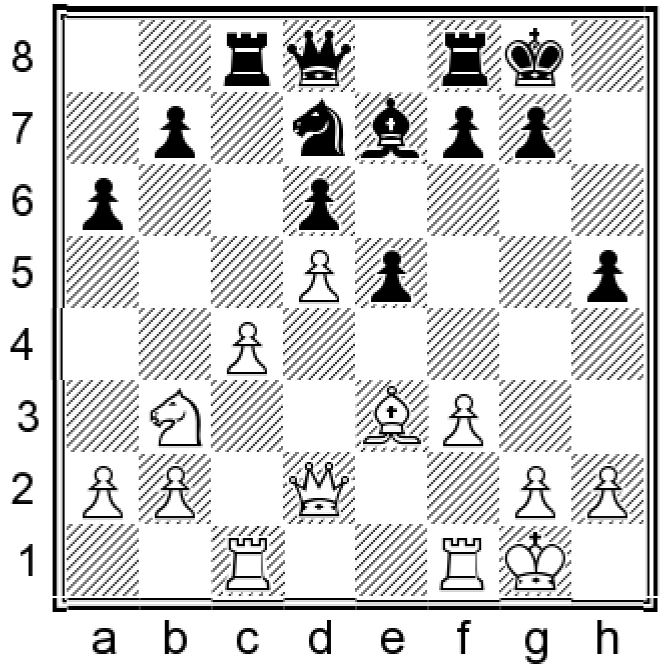
15.♖ac1



15...0-0

[15...♗g5 runs into 16.c5!? when matters become a bit tricky for Black.]

16.♕d2N

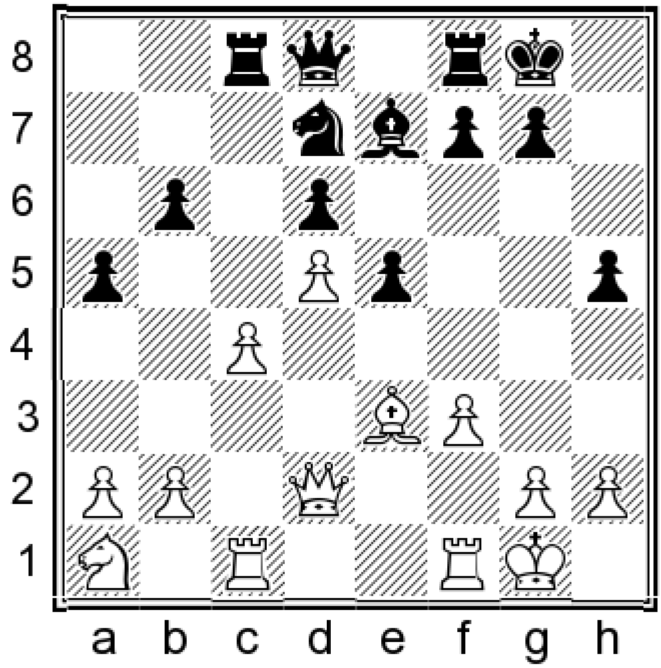


White decides to prevent ...♗g5, while at the same time preparing to play ♘a5.
[Earlier games have seen 16.♖fe1. Brunclík – Vialet, ICCF 2013]

16...b6! Defending against both ♘a5 and the c5-break. Of course, the obvious drawback is the weakened c6-square but this is something Black must be ready to accept. White's knight on b3 is now pretty much out of the game and any road to c6 seems distant.

17.♘a1 White is consistent with his plan, intending to push b2-b4 with a view to a subsequent c4-c5.

17...a5



Logically stopping White’s plan or at least slowing it down somewhat.

18.b3 White now decides to go for b4 in the slow way, by following up with a3 and b4.
[In case of an immediate 18.a3 he would have to consider the positional move 18...a4!? which would leave the c4-pawn weak.]

18...♖e8!? Black can no longer stop White’s projected b4, so instead he plans to create counterplay in the centre.

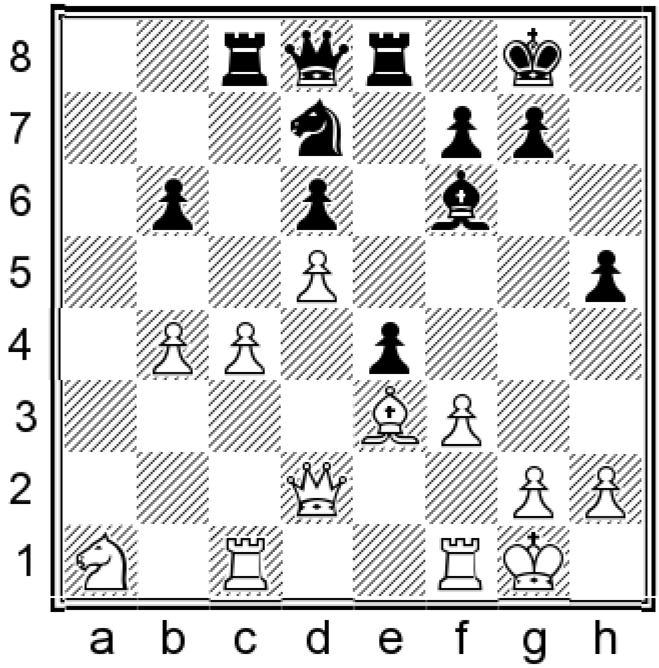
19.a3?!
White is rather too stubborn in carrying out his plan on the queenside and is oblivious to what is about to happen in the centre.

19...♗f6 Preparing the ...e5-e4 break.
[However 19...a4! was another straightforward opportunity for Black, intending 20.b4 (20.ba4 ♖a8 would simply gives Black a favourable pawn structure.) 20...♗f6 with ...e4 in mind, when White encounters serious difficulties.]

20.b4?
[White still had the chance to play 20.a4, which would keep things under a little more control.]

20...ab4
[The immediate 20...e4∓ is also strong.]

21.ab4 e4

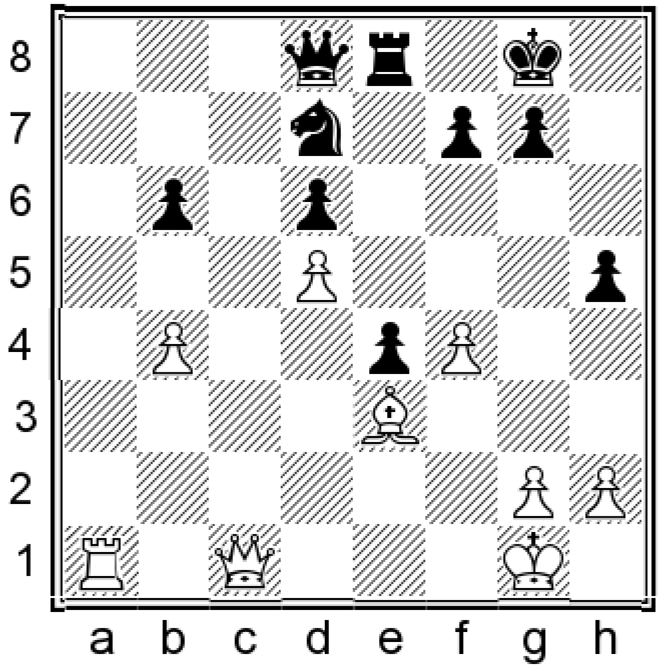


Suddenly the position has opened up and White is far from being prepared to deal with this.

22.f4 A practical decision to blockade the centre, but one which also entails the sacrifice of an important.

22...♗a1 23.♖a1 ♖c4 24.♖fc1 White forces the exchange of a pair of rooks so as to reduce Black’s activity.

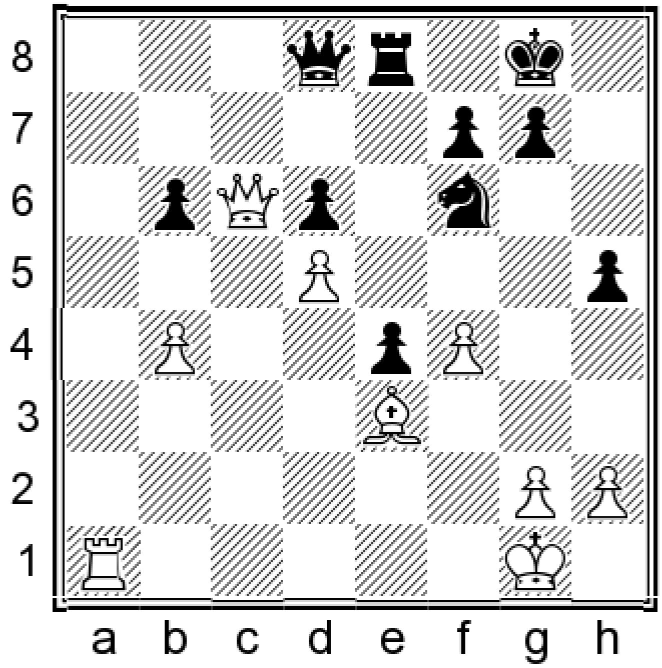
24...♖c1 25.♕c1



Now White is all set to generate some serious counterplay with ♕c6, attacking both the d6 and b6 pawns.

25...♘f6! This move will leave the b6-pawn unprotected but Black has a tactical idea in mind.

26.♕c6



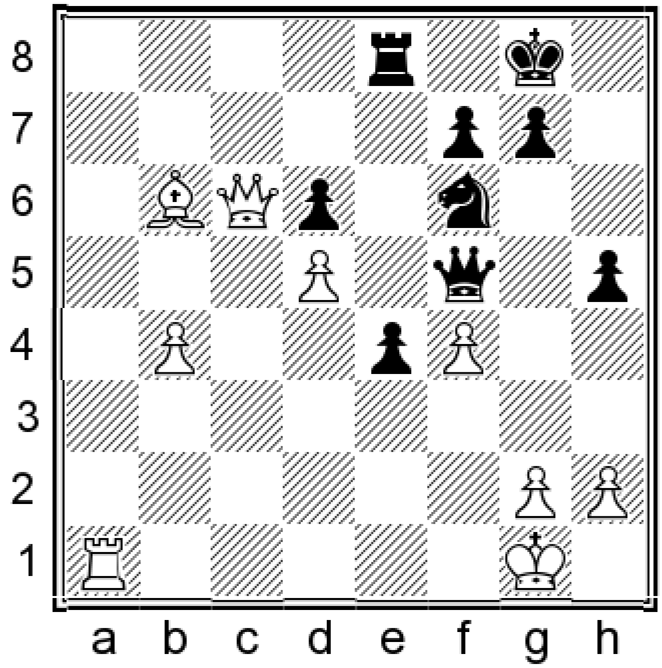
26...♕d7!? White is facing a dilemma. Black now threatens to move his queen to f5, after which he will obtain a powerful initiative on the kingside. On the other hand, if White exchanges queens, Black's b6-pawn would be protected after ...♘d7 and he will remain with a solid extra pawn for the endgame.

[Another excellent solution would have been 26...♕b8, intending ...♖c8. Black is slightly passive but again he has an extra pawn and a clear advantage.]

27.♗b6

[27.♗d4!? was an interesting alternative, which forces Black to make some critical decisions.]

27...♕f5

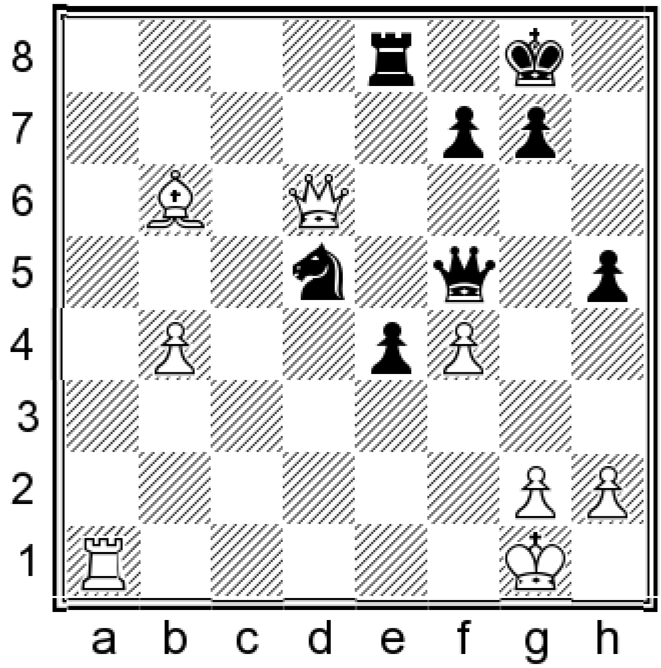


28.♕d6? This makes life pretty easy for Black. His activity and the passed e-pawn are simply too strong.

[Much better was 28.♗d4! when White would still be very much in the game.]

28...♘d5

[28...e3 29.♗d4 ♘d5 30.♗e5 ♕e4–+]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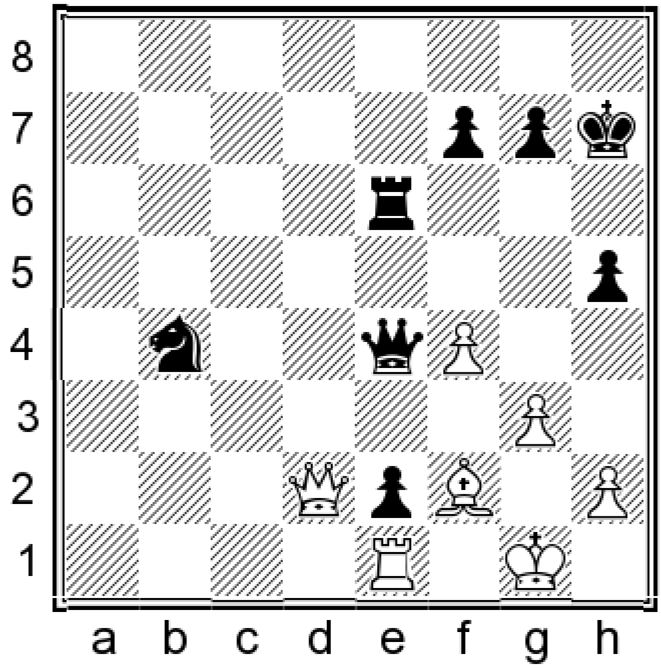
29.g3

[An important detail is that 29.♖a5 fails due to 29...e3! 30.♖d5 e2 31.♖d1 ♕f4!!–+]

29...e3 30.♖d1 e2 31.♖e1 ♖e6

[31...h4!–+ is another way to victory.]

32.♕d8 ♔h7 33.♗f2 ♘b4 34.♕d2 ♕e4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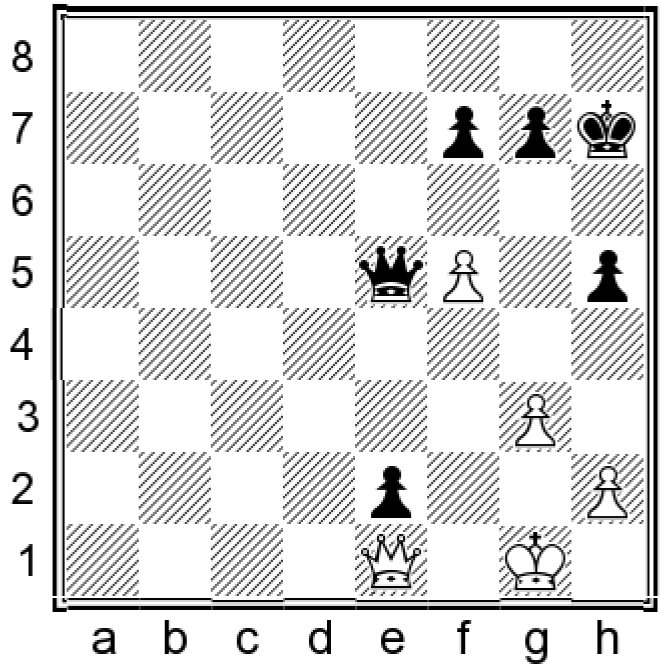
35.f5

[35.♖e2 would perhaps prolong the game but not change the result after 35...♕e2 36.♕b4 ♕d1 37.♔g2 ♕d5 38.♔g1 (38.♔h3 h4!–+) 38...♖e2–+]

35...♖e5 36.♗d4 ♘c2 Securing a safe technical win.

37.♗e5 ♘e1 38.♕e1 ♕e5



39.g4
[White must try something since 39.♔f2 ♕f5 forces an exchange of queens, leading to a won pawn endgame for Black.]

39...♕d4
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ENDGAME STRATEGY

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A) Pawn endings
B) Rook endings
C) Knight endings

Such a large tournament with many strong players always produces a lot of fascinating endgames. I have selected a few and sorted them by material and motifs.

A) Pawn endings

Here knowledge (one way here is to study Dvoretsky's *Endgame Manual or Fundamental Chess Endings*) and precise calculation is needed:

In the first example, Black has two options:
1) The king advances first ("King first")
2) A pawn advances first and the king comes later ("Passed pawns must be pushed") and both win as the c-pawn queens with check. In the game Black put his money on the b-pawn:

Bello 2096 – Babarykin 2339
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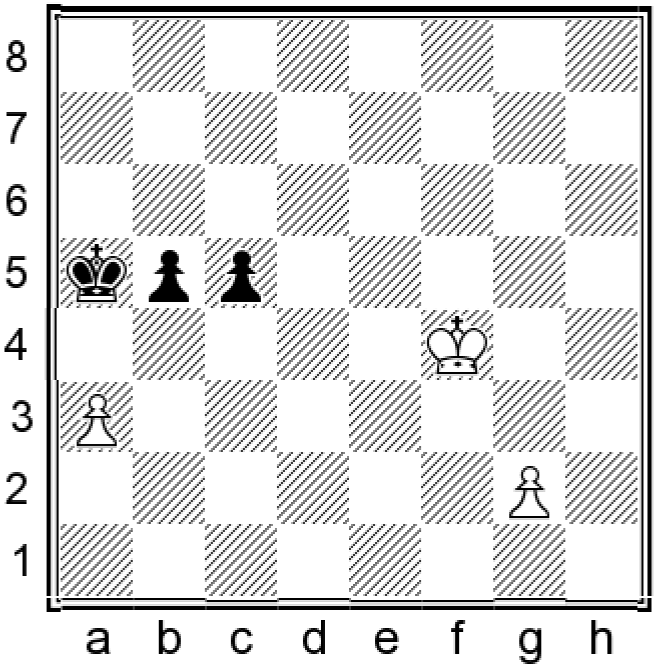


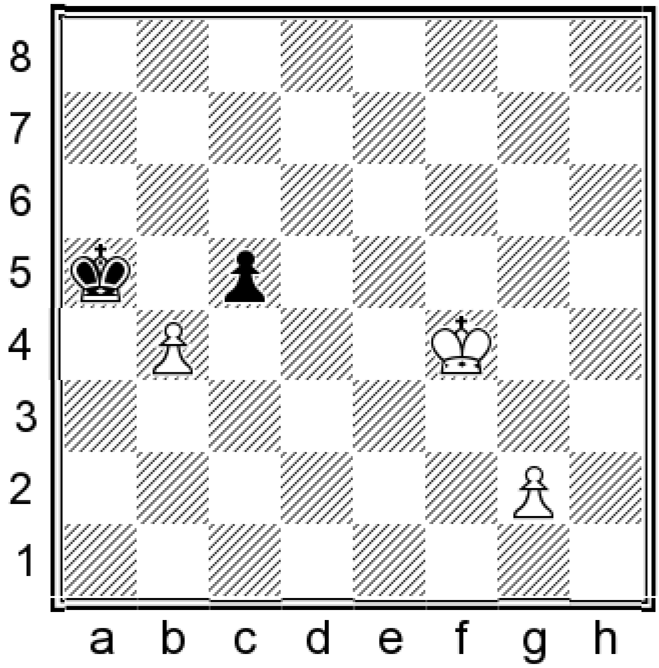
Karsten Müller

- **Country:** Germany
- **Born:** 1970
- **Rating:** 2532
- **Peak rating:** 2558
- **Title:** Grandmaster since 1998

43...b4 Black plays according to the maxim "passed pawns must be pushed" and this indeed wins the race, as the attacking king can always help in time, but some calculation is required.
[This strategy can even be started by 43...c4 44.♔e3 ♔a4! 45.♔d2 ♔a3 46.g4 ♔b2–+;

The "king first" strategy also wins due to 43...♔a4 44.g4 c4 45.g5 c3 46.g6 (46.♔e3 ♔b3 47.g6 c2 48.g7 c1♕+–+) 46...c2 47.g7 c1♕–+ and Black's pawn queens with check.]

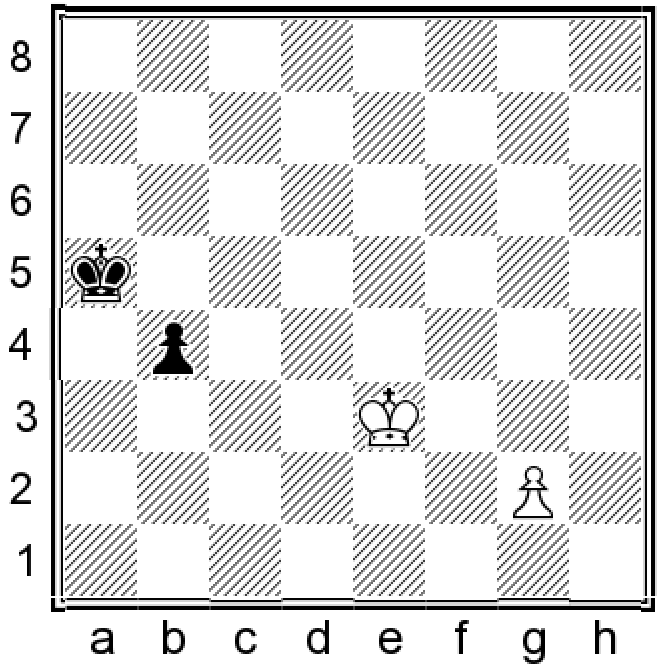
43...b4 44.ab4



44...cb4

[Of course not 44...♔b4? 45.♔e3 ♔b3 46.♔d2 ♔b2 47.♔d3 ♔b3 48.♔d2=]

45.♔e3



Now Black’s king must finally advance:

45...♔a4 46.♔d2 ♔a3 47.♔c1 ♔a2
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Calculation also solves the next case. The question is: Should White’s king run directly to the kingside or should it make the journey via b3?

Morozova 2025 – Owezdurdiyeva 2031

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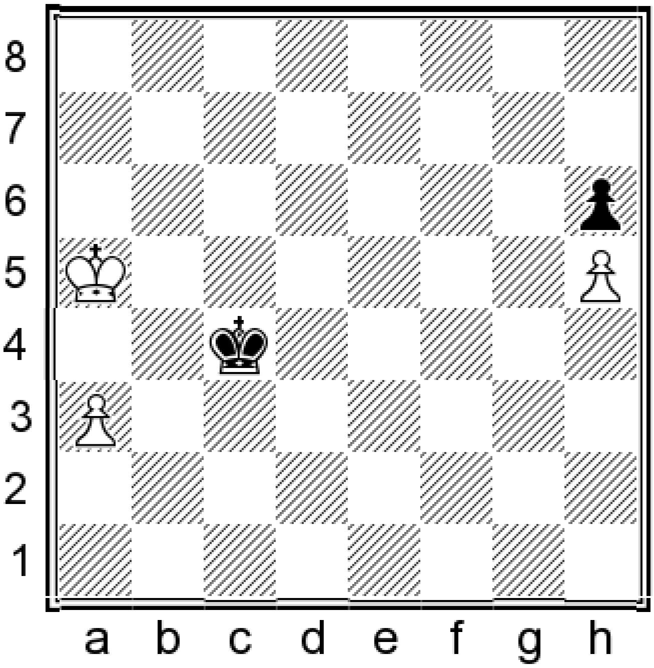

67.♔a4!? White must gain one more tempo.
[The direct 67.♔b6? is not quick enough due to 67...♔b3 68.♔c5 ♔a3 69.♔d5 ♔b4 70.♔e6 ♔c5 71.♔f6 ♔d6 72.♔g6 ♔e6 73.♔h6 ♔f6=;

The winning plan can also be used after 67.a4 ♔c5 68.♔a6 ♔c6 69.a5 ♔c7 and now White's king can break free with 70.♔b5+– followed by crossing over to the kingside.]

67.♔a4!? ♔c5 68.♔b3 ♔b5
Now the time has come to cross over:

69.♔c3 ♔a4
[69...♔c5 70.♔d3 ♔d5 71.a4 ♔c5 72.♔e4+–]

70.♔d4 ♔a3 71.♔e5 ♔b4 72.♔f6 ♔c5 73.♔g6 ♔d6 74.♔h6 ♔e7 75.♔g7
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The following case is more difficult:

Yahi 1852 – Espirito Santo 1915
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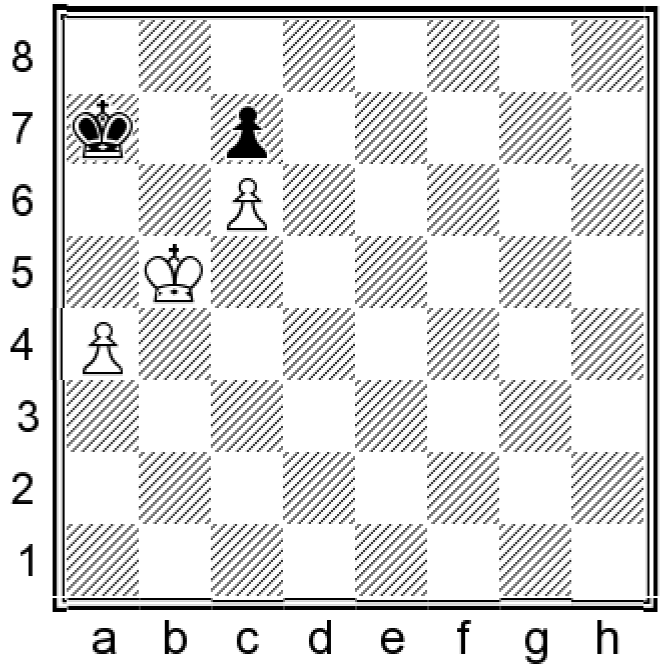
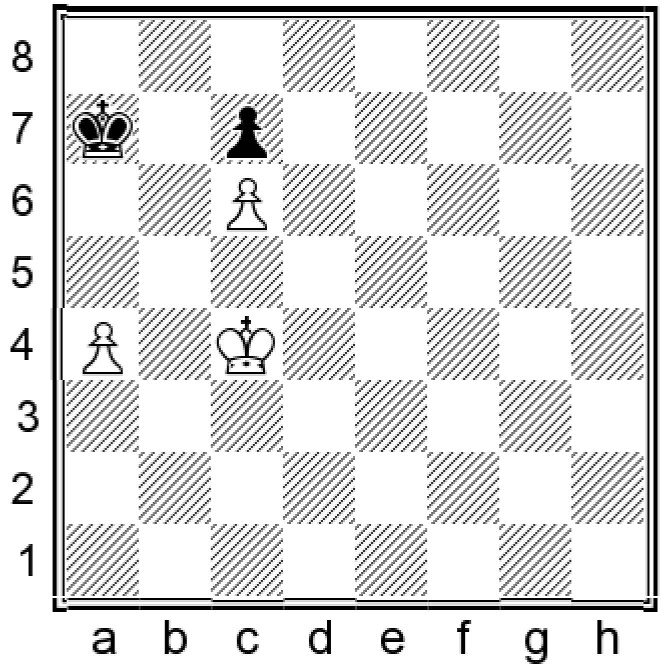
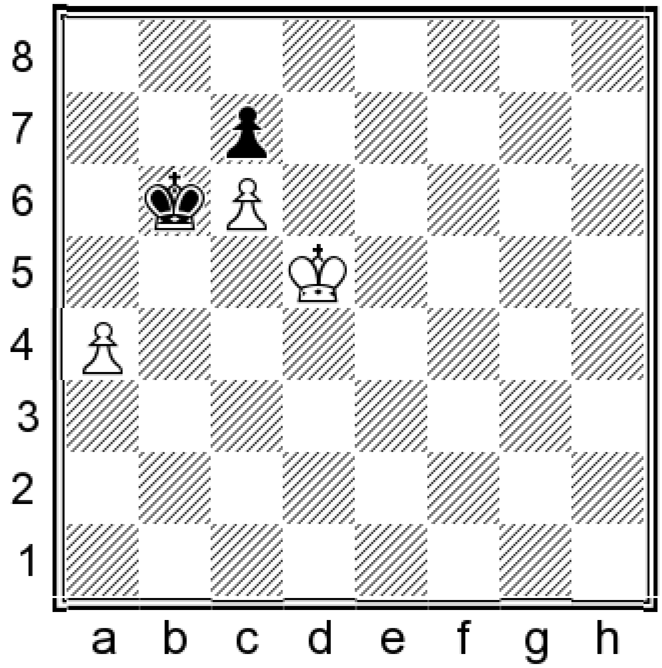


53.♔c4? White must gain time first by losing a tempo with a triangulation of his king:
[53.♔a5! ♔b8 54.♔b4 ♔a7 55.♔b5 and now White has brought about the starting position with Black to move. So this is not a mutual zugzwang as White has used the sharp endgame weapon zugzwang. 55...♔b8 56.♔c4 ♔a7



and again a triangulation is required: 57.♔d4 (57.♔d5? runs into 57...♔b6 and White is to move, so the mutual zugzwang makes it a draw.) 57...♔a6 58.♔e5 ♔b6 59.♔d5+–
and now in the mutual zugzwang (both sides are in zugzwang, when they were to move) it is Black to move, which means that White wins, e.g. 59...♔a5 60.♔e6 ♔a4 61.♔d7 ♔b5 62.♔c7+–]

53.♔c4? ♔a6 and a draw was agreed due to **54.♔d5 ♔b6**



Now it is White to move in the mutual zugzwang.

55.a5 ♔a5 56.♔e6 ♔b5 57.♔d5!=
[57.♔d7? ♔b6–+]
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An outside passed pawn is often a strong trump:

Manar 1725 – Kakulidis 1928
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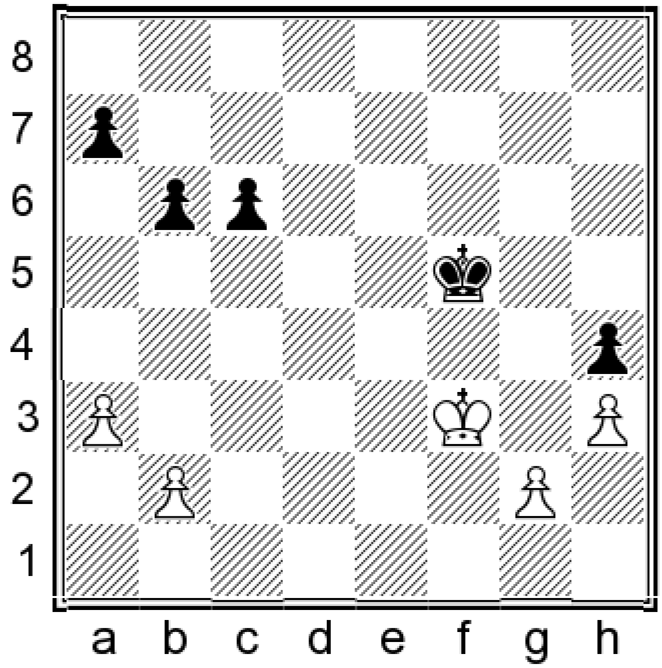
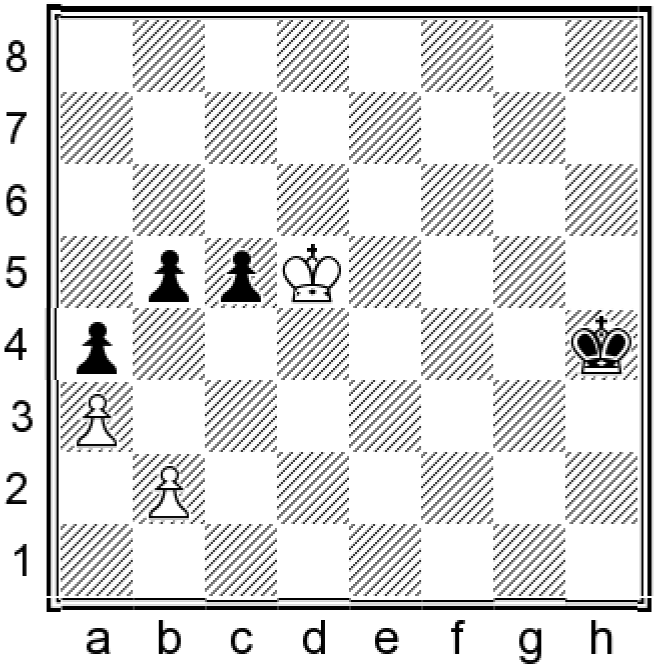


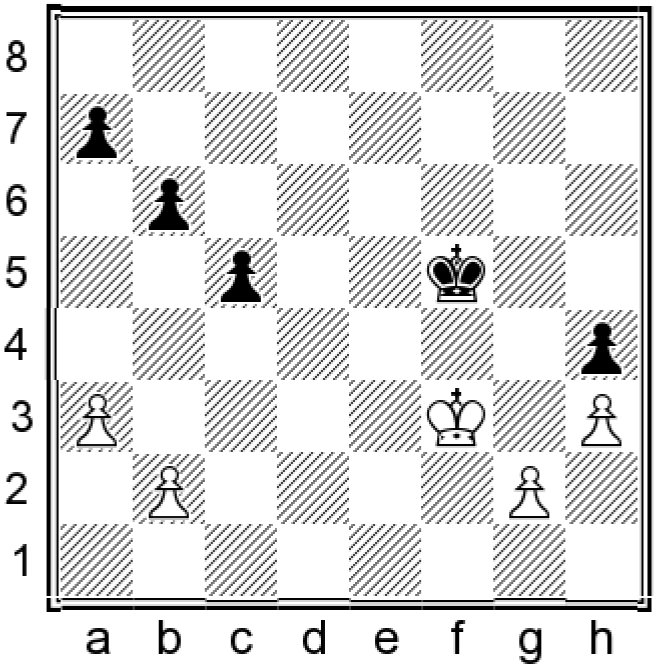
40...c5? Now White's king has an inroad into the queenside.
[40...a5 draws due to 41.g3 (41.a4 b5 42.g4 hg3 43.♔g3 ba4 44.♔f3 ♔g5=; 41.b3? b5 42.b4 a4 43.♔e3 ♔e5 44.♔d3

c5–+) 41...hg3 42.♔g3 a4 43.♔f3 c5 44.♔e3 b5 45.h4 ♔g4 46.♔e4 ♔h4 47.♔d5



47...b4! and Black’s king is just back in time: 48.♔c5 ba3 49.ba3 ♔g5 50.♔b5 ♔f6 51.♔a4 ♔e7 52.♔b5 ♔d7 53.♔b6 ♔c8=]

40...c5?

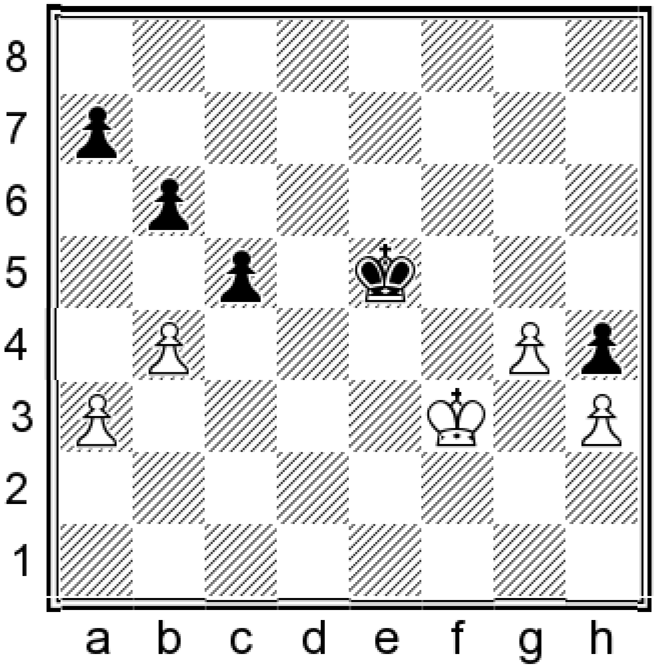


41.g4?

[41.g3! hg3 42.♔g3 wins as seen in the game.]

41...hg3? Now the outside passed pawn decides.

[41...♔e5 was called for, e.g. 42.b4



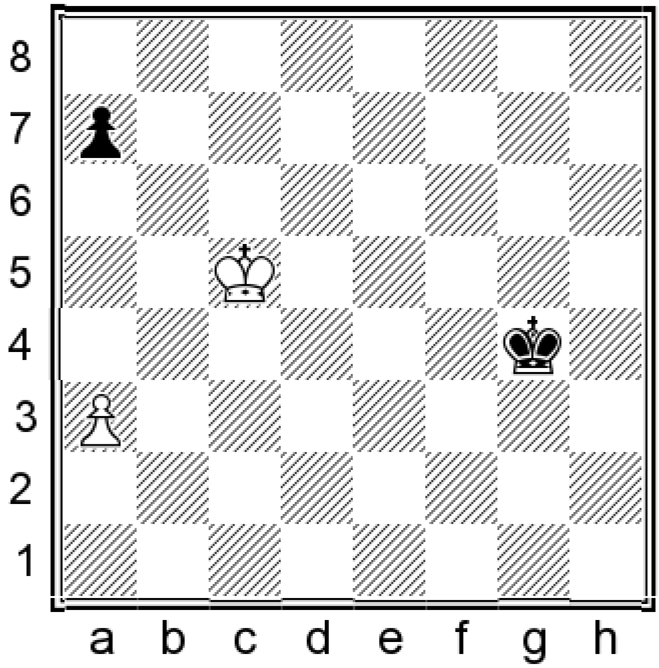
A) 42.a4 a6 43.♔e3 b5 44.ab5 ab5 45.♔d3 ♔d5 46.b3 ♔e5=;

B) 42.♔e3
B1) 42...b5 43.b3 a6 and now White has many options, but no win, e.g. 44.♔f3 (44.♔d3 ♔f4 45.a4 ♔e5! 46.♔e3 ♔d5 47.♔f4 ♔d4 48.g5 c4 49.bc4 bc4 50.♔f3 ♔e5=) 44...♔d4 45.♔e2 ♔e4=
B2) 42...c4 43.b5 ♔d4 44.♔e2 ♔c3 45.g5 ♔b2 46.g6 c3 47.g7 c2 48.g8♕ c1♕=]

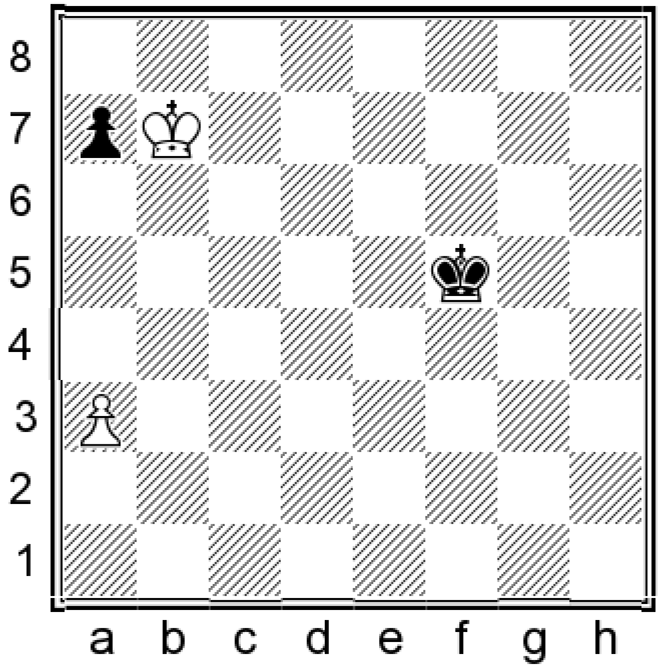
42.♔g3 b5 43.♔f3! White must be precise as
[43.h4? is met by 43...a5 44.♔f3 a4 and White cannot win, e.g. 45.h5 b4 46.h6 ♔g6 47.♔e4 ba3 48.ba3 ♔h6 49.♔d5 ♔g6 50.♔c5 ♔f6 51.♔b5 ♔e7 52.♔a4 ♔d7 53.♔b5 ♔c7=]

43...b4
[43...a5 must be met by 44.a4!! b4 (44...c4 45.♔e3+–) 45.♔e3 c4 46.♔d4+–; 43...c4 44.♔e3 ♔e5 45.h4 a5 46.h5 b4 47.a4+–]

44.♔e3 ♔g5 45.♔d3 ba3 46.ba3 ♔h4 47.♔c4 ♔h3 48.♔c5 ♔g4



49.♔b5! The right direction as Black's pawn falls directly, after which the king can block the approach of Black's king. [After 49.♔c6? ♔f5 50.♔b7



Black can gain time by advancing the a-pawn with 50...a5! 51.♔b6 a4 52.♔b5 ♔e6 53.♔a4 ♔d7 54.♔b5 ♔c7=; 49.a4? ♔f5 50.a5 ♔e6 51.♔c6 a6 52.♔b6 ♔d6 53.♔a6 ♔c6=]

49...♔f5 50.♔a6 ♔e6 51.♔a7 ♔d7 52.♔b7
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In the next example the attacker has the more active king and the better pawn structure and so he can undermine White's kingside:

Anwuli 2336 – Aloma Vidal 2482
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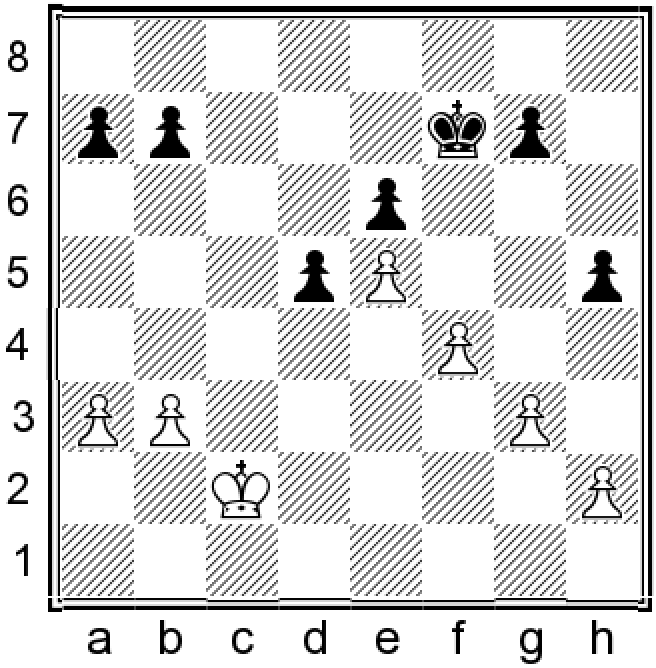
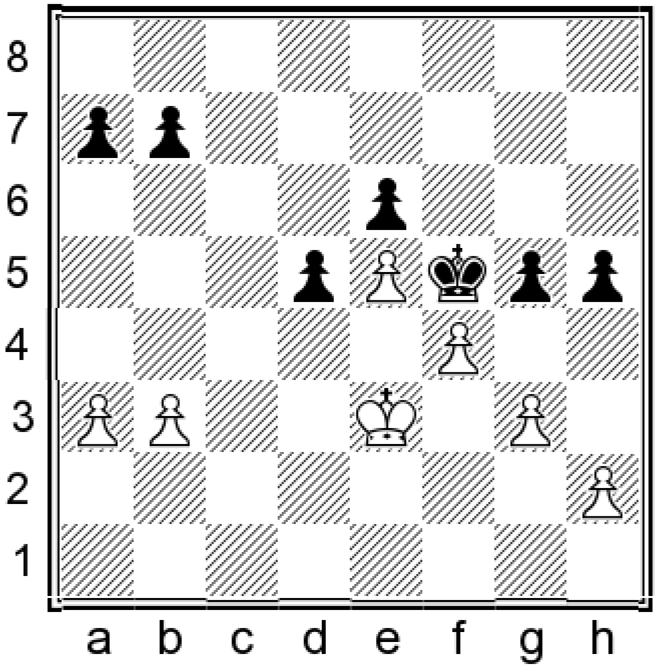


34...♔g6!
[The direct 34...g5? violates the endgame principle “do not rush” and spoils things due to 35.fg5 ♔g6 36.h4 ♔f5 37.♔d3 ♔e5 38.♔e3 ♔f5 39.♔d4=]

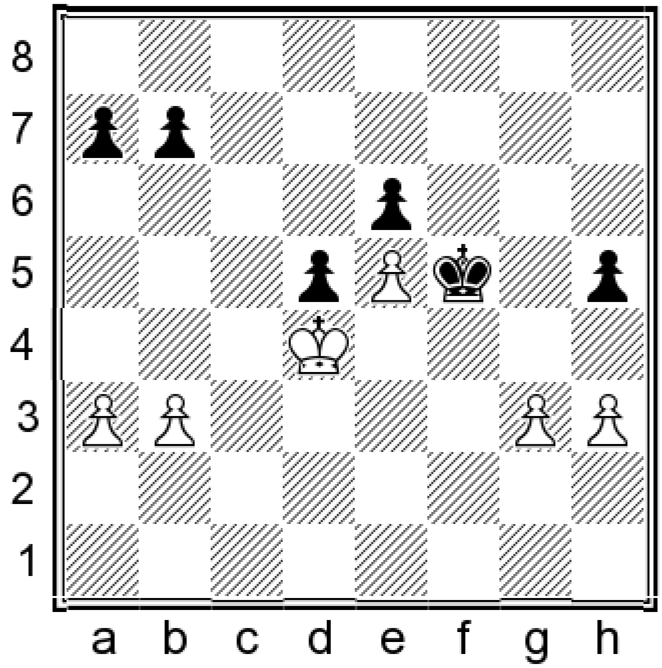
34...♔g6! 35.♔d3 ♔f5 36.♔e3 g5



The decisive undermining.

37.fg5
[After 37.h3 gf4 38.gf4 h4 White will fall into zugzwang sooner or later, e.g. 39.a4 a5 40.♔f3 d4–+]

37...♔g5 38.h3 ♔f5 39.♔d4



and now Black uses the sharp endgame weapon zugzwang with **39...b5 40.♔c5** [40.b4 a6–+]

40...♔e5 41.♔b5 d4
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Often simplyfying into a pawn endgame is the easiest way to win:

Kovalyov 2617 – Bruzon Batista 2623
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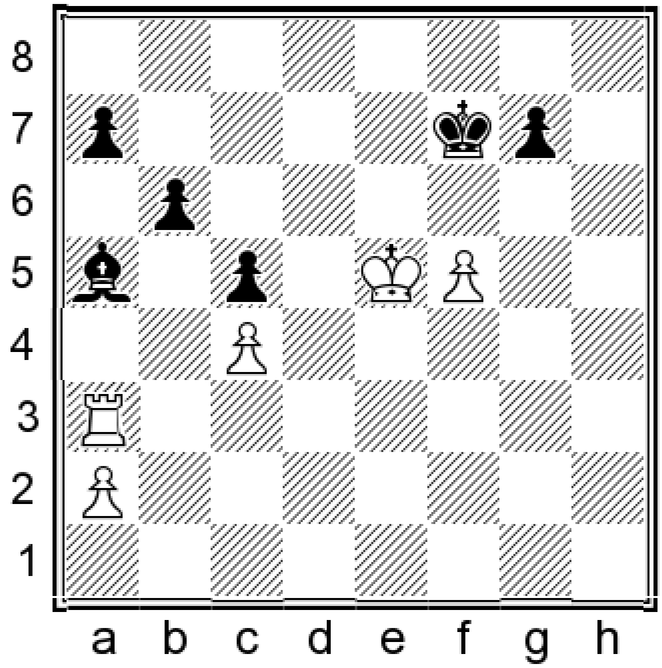

White gives up the exchange to win the c5 pawn. Afterwards his passed c-pawn decides the game, as it queens with check.

68.♖a5!? ba5 69.♔d5 ♔f6 70.♔c5 ♔e5!? A tricky try.
[70...♔f5 71.♔d6 g5 72.c5 g4 73.c6 g3 74.c7 g2 75.c8♕+– is most likely the main line that White had calculated.]

71.a4
[Of course not 71.♔b5?? ♔f5 72.c5 ♔e5! 73.♔c6! g5 74.♔b7 g4 75.c6 g3=]

71...♔f5 72.♔d6
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In the next case a stalemate motif plays a major role:

Zhang Zhong 2637 – Marciano 2475
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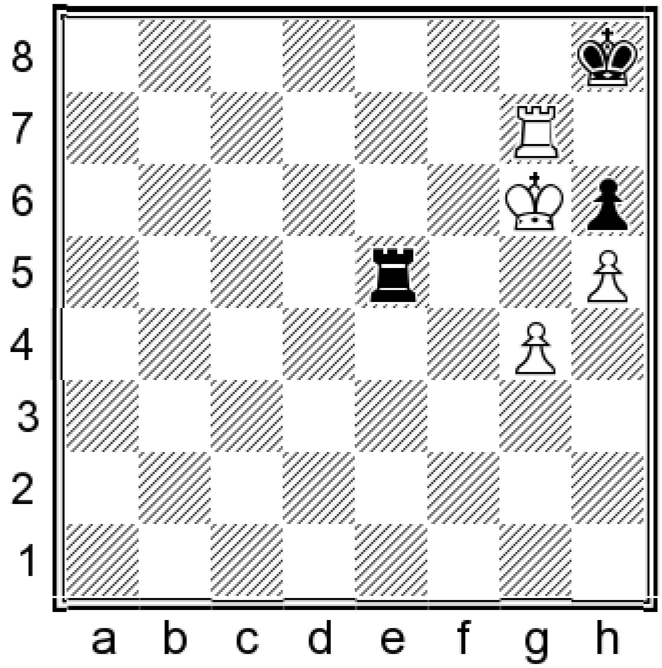

63.♔h6!?
[63.♖h7 ♔g8 64.♖h6 wins as well, since White's king can break free after 64...♖a5 65.♔f6 ♖b5 66.♖g6 ♔h7 67.♖g5+–]

63.♔h6!? ♖h5 64.♔h5 ♔g7 65.♔g5!
[65.g5? ♔h7! 66.g6 ♔g7 67.♔g5 ♔g8!=]

65...♔g8 66.♔h6 ♔h8 67.g5 ♔g8 68.♔g6
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The last simplifying example is deeper:

Ulloa 2128 – Amin 2661
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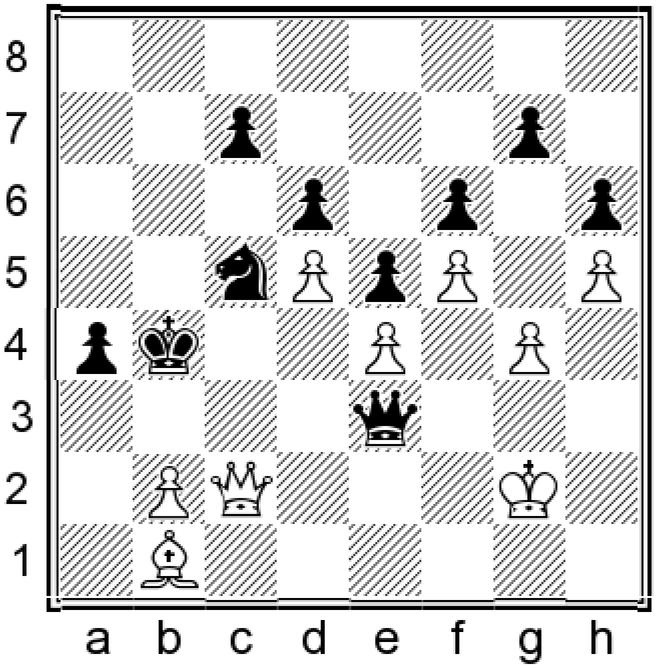
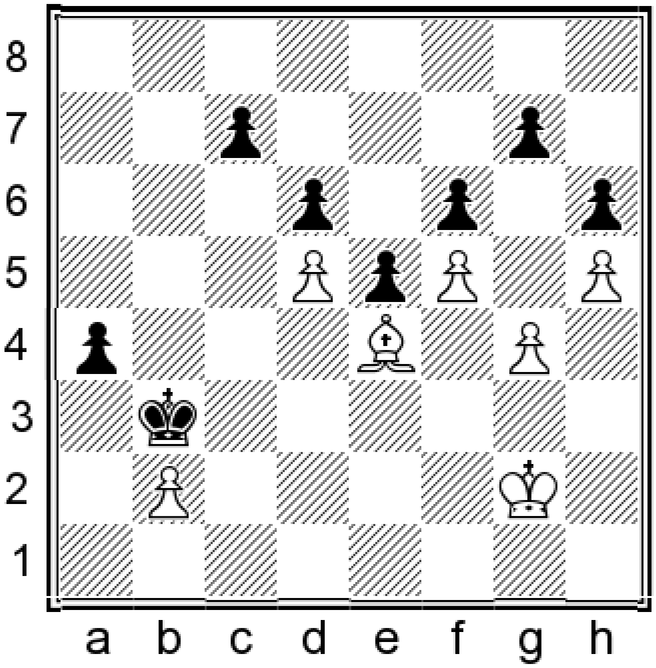


Black obviously stands much better with his active pieces and extra pawn. But at first sight it is not easy to see how to make progress as all his pieces seem to be optimally placed and the pawn breaks do not look too convincing. So the simplification **56...♕e4!? 57.♕e4 ♘e4 58.♗e4 ♔b3** is called for.



And here White resigned as the bishop can only be sacrificed for the a-pawn after **59.♗d3 ♔b2 60.♗c4 a3 61.♔f3 a2 62.♗a2 ♔a2** when the pawn ending is easily winning.

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B) Rook endings

These occur very frequently and contain many theoretical positions and guidelines:

Ly 2513 – Del Castilho 2248
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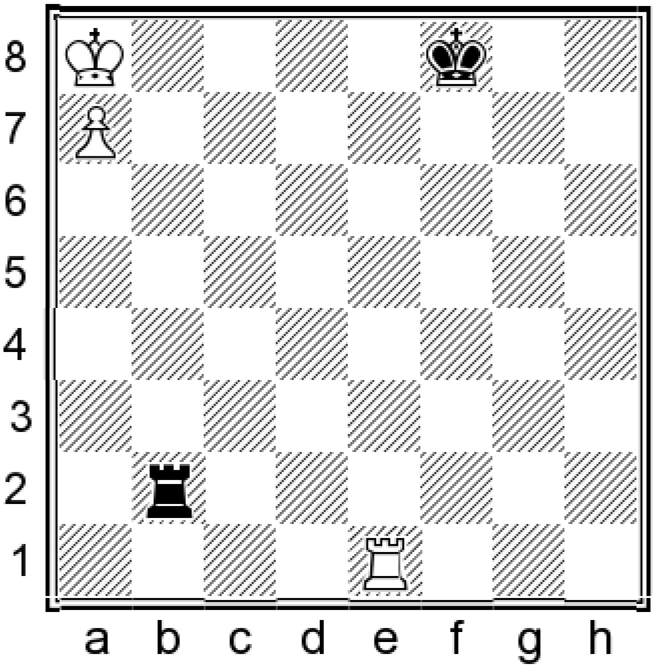
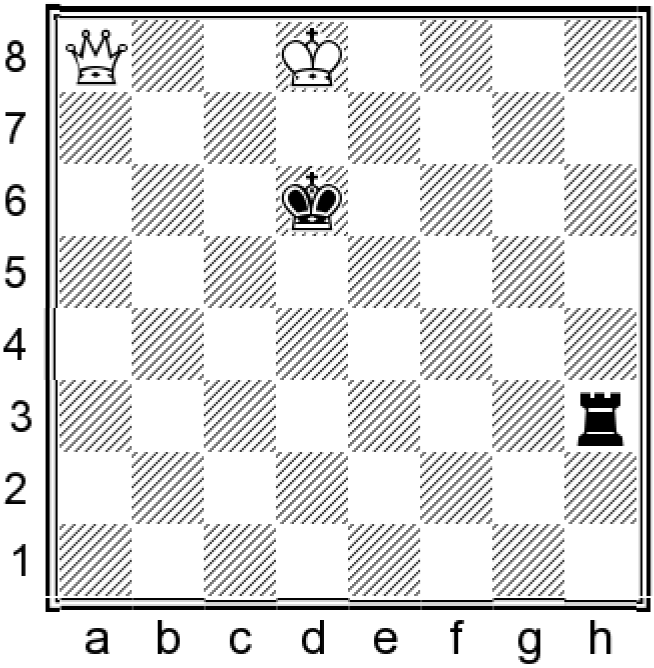
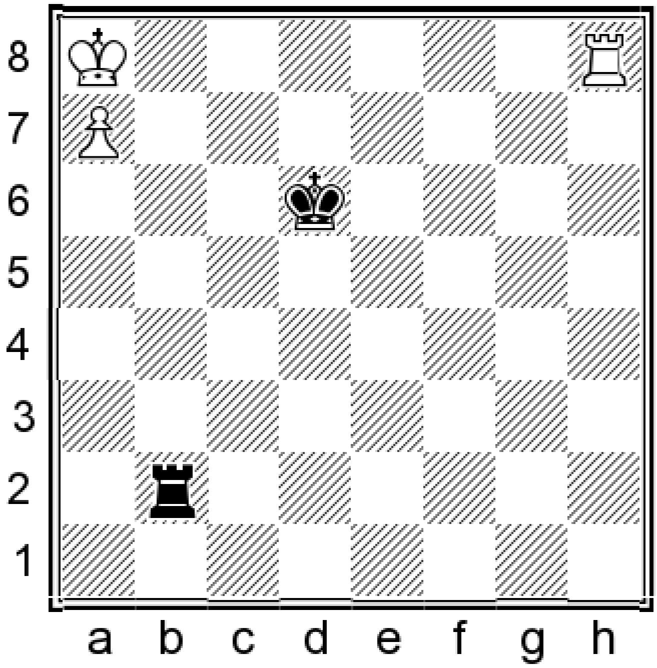


96...♔f7?!
[96...♖b3!? is more tenacious as now White must win with queen against rook: 97.♖h1 ♔e7 98.♖h8 ♔d6 99.♖b8 ♖a3 100.♔b7 ♖b3 101.♔c8 ♖c3 102.♔d8 ♖h3 103.♖b6 ♔c5 104.♖c6 ♔c6 105.a8♕ ♔d6



and White cannot win the rook by force and mate is still 31 moves away with optimal play.]

96...♔f7?! 97.♖h1 ♔e8?! Now White’s king can escape on the queenside, as seen in the game.
[97...♔e7 98.♖h8 ♔d6



is more tenacious, e.g. 99.♖b8 ♖a2 100.♔b7 ♖b2 101.♔c8 ♖c2 102.♔d8 ♖h2 103.♖b6 ♔c5 104.♖c6
Whatever Black does to deal with the rook check, White has a good answer: 104...♔c6 (104...♔b5 105.♖c8 ♖h8 106.♔c7 ♖h7 107.♔b8+–; 104...♔d5 105.♖a6+–) 105.a8♕ ♔c5 106.♕c8 ♔d4 107.♕g4 ♔d5 108.♕f5 ♔c6 109.♕d7 ♔c5 110.♕c7+–]

98.♖h8 ♔d7 99.♖b8 ♖a2 100.♔b7 ♖b2 101.♔a6 ♖a2 102.♔b6
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Usually the rook belongs behind a passed pawn, no matter whether it is friendly or hostile:

Kozul 2622 – Batchuluun 2513
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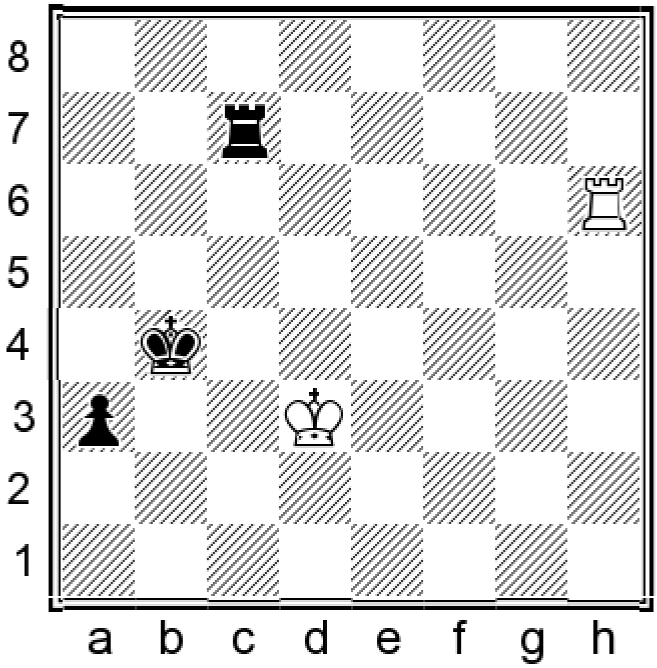
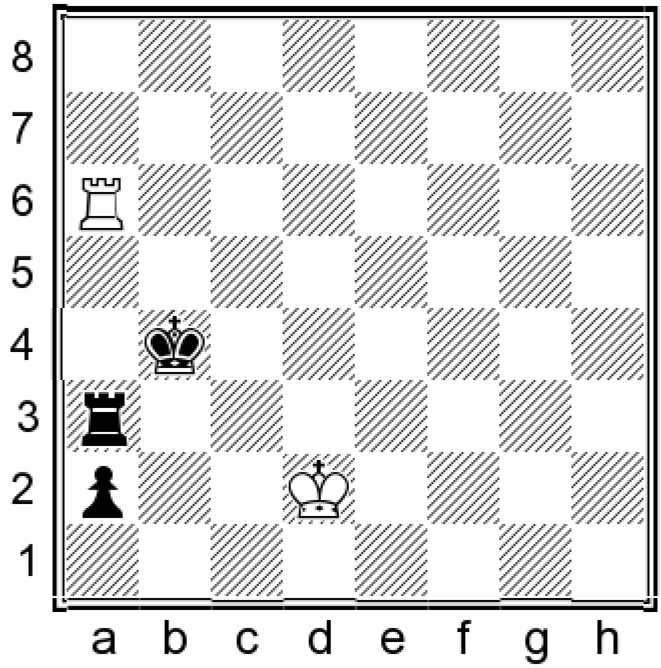


Black has two ways to win:

58...♖a7!? This uses the rook directly from behind and White's rook will be passive and his king cut off.
[58...a2 wins as well due to 59.♖a6 ♖c3 60.♔d2 ♖a3–+

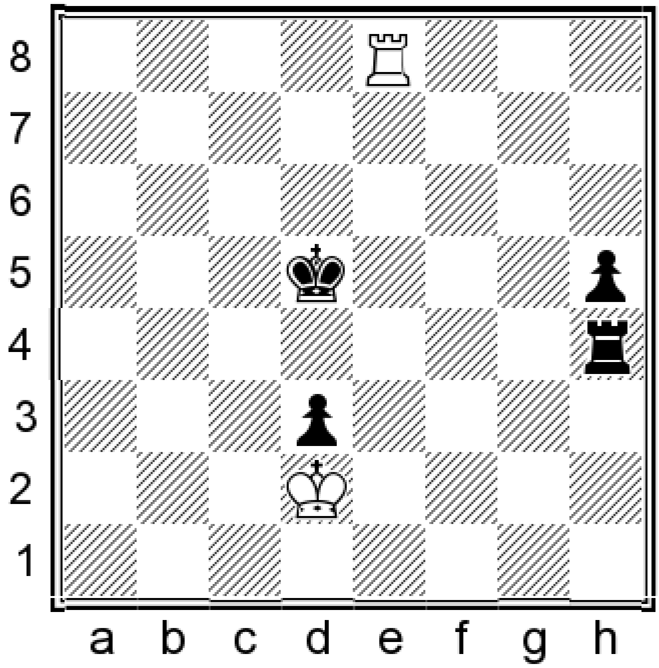


Finally the rook is behind the passed pawn. A very important manoeuvre to save time, as the attacking king does not have to run near the queening square.]

58...♖a7!? 59.♖b6 ♔c5 60.♖b1 a2 61.♖a1 ♔b4
and White resigned due to 62.♔c2 ♔a3 63.♖h1 ♖c7 64.♔d3 ♔b2 65.♖h2 ♔b1 66.♖h1 ♖c1–+
0 : 1 Mueller

But this guideline has many exceptions and often leads to mistakes:

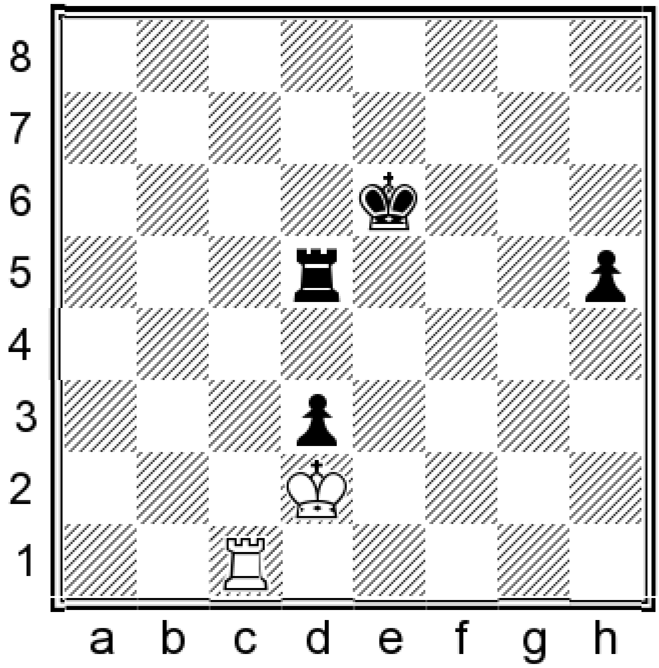
Van Wely 2674 – Nguyen Huynh Minh Huy 2435
Baku Olympiad 2016



87...♖d4? In this case the rook is not well placed behind the passed pawn as Black's king cannot invade now.
[Only 87...♖h3! wins as Black's king will invade on the kingside sooner or later, e.g. 88.♖a8 h4 89.♖d8 ♔e4 90.♖e8 ♔f3 91.♔d3 ♔f2 92.♔d4 ♖f3 93.♖h8 h3 94.♔e4 ♔g2 95.♖h7 ♖g3 96.♔f4 h2 97.♖h8 ♖g7–+]

87...♖d4? 88.♔e3 ♔c6 89.♖c8
[Of course not 89.♔d4?? d2 90.♖c8 ♔d7–+]

89...♔d7 90.♖c1 ♖d5 91.♔d2 ♔e6

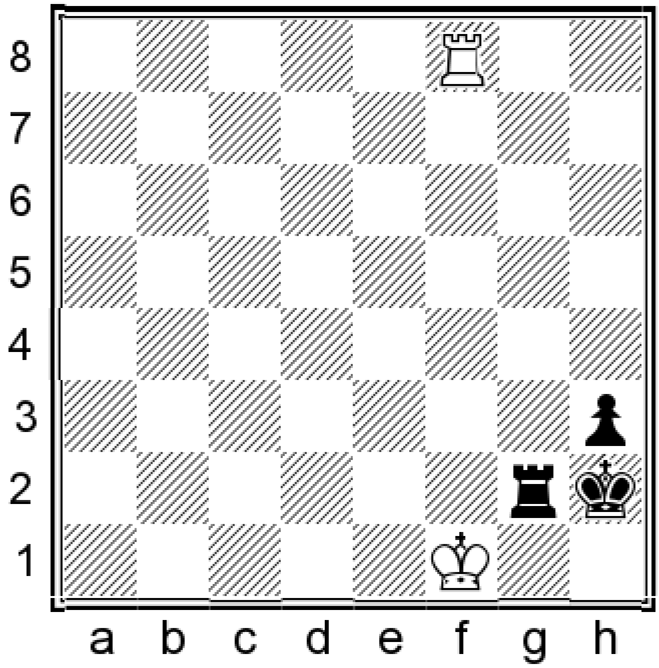


92.♖h1! White's rook must take the long way to d3 as the direct
[92.♖c3? runs into 92...h4 93.♖d3 ♖d3 94.♔d3 h3–+]

92...♔f6 93.♖h3 ♔g5 94.♖d3 ♖f5
[94...♖d3 95.♔d3 ♔f4 96.♔e2 ♔g3 97.♔f1=]

95.♔e2 ♔g4
[95...h4 is met by 96.♖f3= followed by crossing over with the king.]

96.♖d8 h4 97.♖g8 ♔h3 98.♖g7 ♔h2 99.♖g4 h3 100.♖g8 ♖a5 101.♔f1 ♖a1 102.♔f2 ♖a2 103.♔f1 ♖g2 104.♖f8

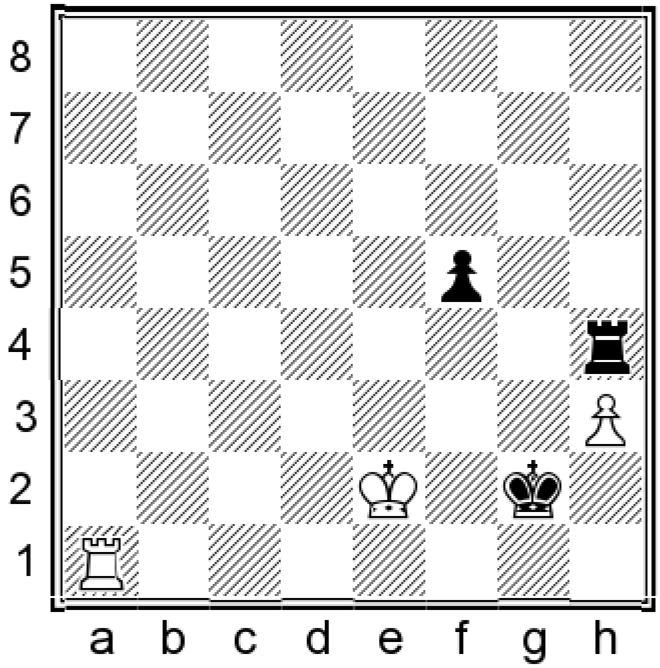


This typical drawing formation has been White's aim.

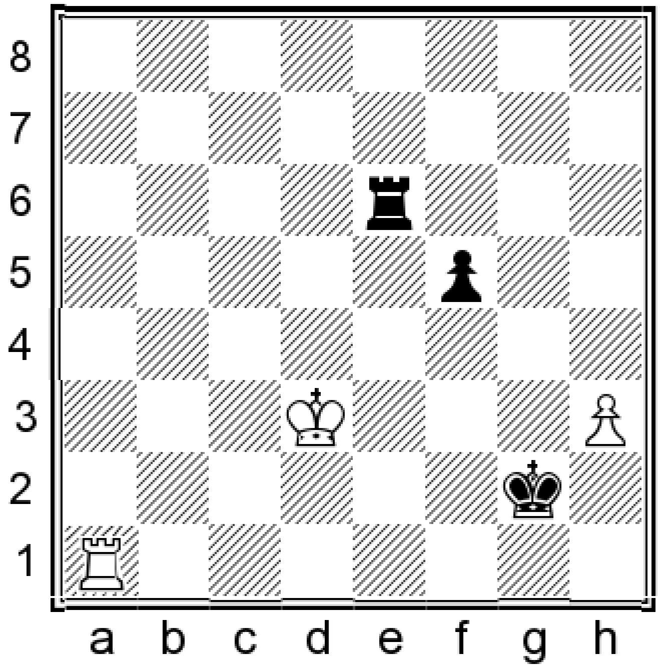
104...♖g7 105.♖f2 ♔g3 106.♔g1 ♖a7 107.♖g2 hg2
1/2 : 1/2 Mueller

Often activity is more important than a pawn:

Pierre 1912 – Chavez 2077
Baku Olympiad 2016



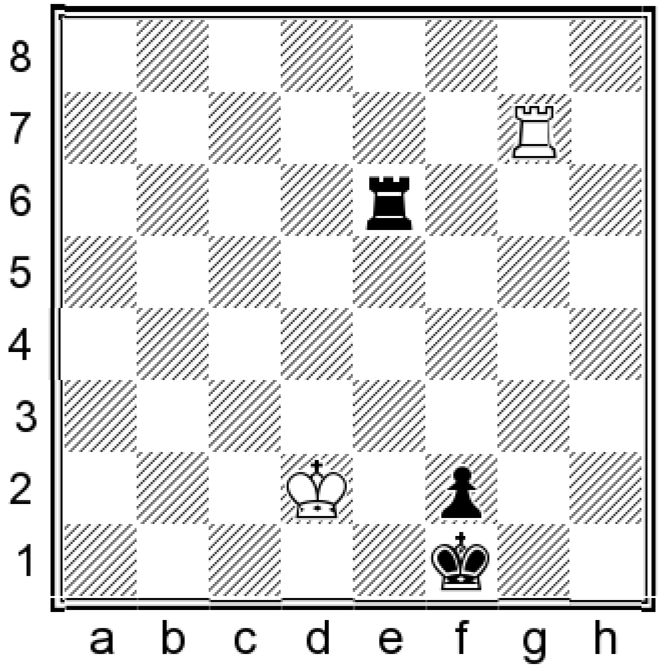
73...♖h3? Too greedy.
[The active 73...♖e4 wins, e.g. 74.♔d3 ♖e6



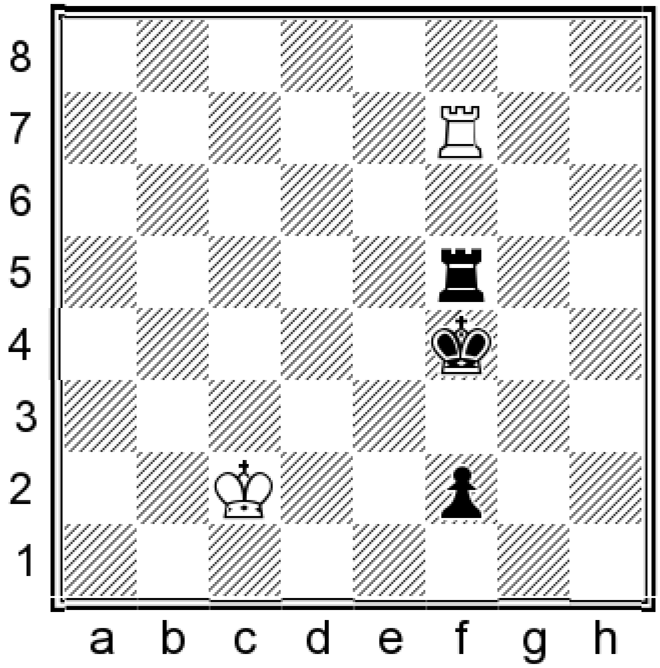
Now White’s king is cut off, the passed h-pawn is under control and Black’s f-pawn will decide the day, supported by the king in typical fashion: 75.h4 f4 76.♖a5 f3 77.♖g5 ♔h3 78.♖f5 ♔g3 79.h5 f2 80.♖f8 ♖e1–+]
73...♖h3? 74.♖a5? Now Black’s forces can unite again. White had two moves to draw:
[74.♖a4 ♖f3 75.♖h4! ♖a3 (75...f4 76.♖g4=; 75...♔g3 76.♖h3=) 76.♖f4 ♖a5 77.♔e3=; 74.♖f1 ♖h5 75.♖f4 ♔g3 76.♔e3=]

74...f4 75.♖g5 ♖g3 76.♖f5 f3 77.♔e1
[77.♔e3 ♖g8 78.♖f3 ♖e8 79.♔f4 ♖f8–+]

77...♖g6 78.♖f8 ♖e6 79.♔d2 f2 80.♖g8 ♔f1 81.♖g7



Now Black wins by the famous Lucena method: **81...♖d6 82.♔c2 ♖d4 83.♖g8** [83.♔c3 ♖d5 84.♔c2 ♔e2 85.♖e7 ♔f3 86.♖f7 ♔e3 87.♖e7 ♔f4 88.♖f7 ♖f5



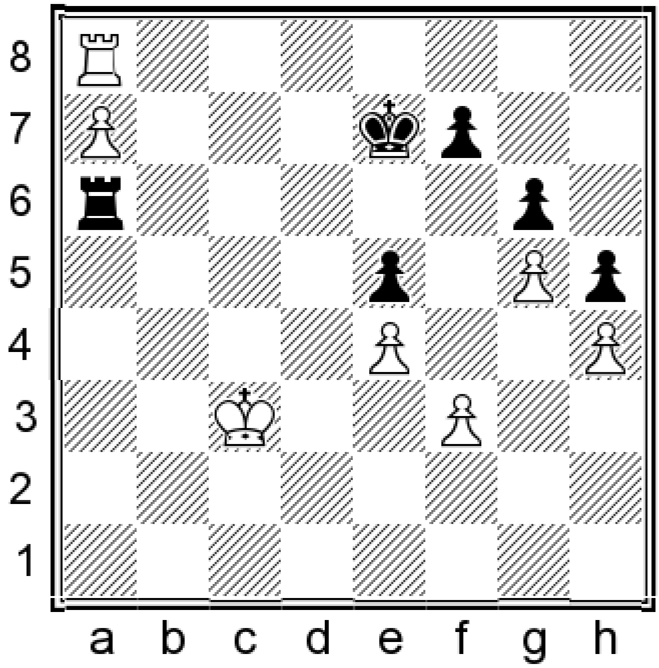
and Black has built a bridge. Black’s rook and king are the pillars in the middle.]

83...♔e2 84.♖e8 ♔f3 85.♔c3 ♖f4

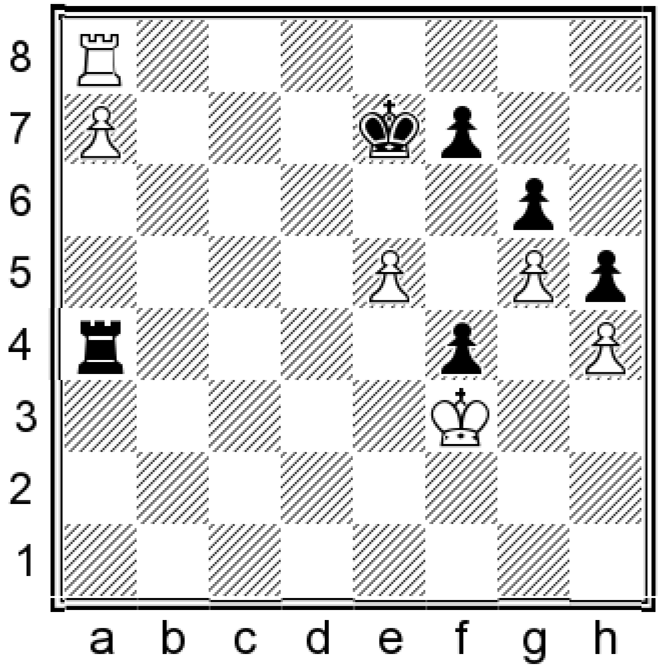
0 : 1 Mueller

The following attacking technique to open the seventh rank is worth knowing:

Sultana 2002 – Omurbekova 1868
Baku Olympiad, 2016



White’s king has no inroads and no shelter on the queenside. But White had foreseen another way to make progress by a typical tactical motif: **69.f4!? ef4 70.♔d2 ♖a2 71.♔e1 ♖a1 72.♔f2 ♖a3 73.♔g2 ♖g3 74.♔f2 ♖a3 75.e5 ♖a5 76.♔f3 ♖a4**



77.e6! The battering ram knocks at the door to open the seventh rank.

77...♖a3

[77...fe6 78.♖h8 ♖a7 79.♖h7+– and 77...♔e6 78.♖e8 ♔d7 79.a8♕ ♖a8 80.♖a8+– are White’s tactical points. These remain valid for many moves and Harald Fietz, photographer and editor of Informant’s tactical test series, suggests calling this a “sustainable tactic”.]

78.♔f4 ♖a4 79.♔e5 ♖a5 80.♔d4 ♖a4 81.♔c5 ♖a1 82.ef7 ♖c1

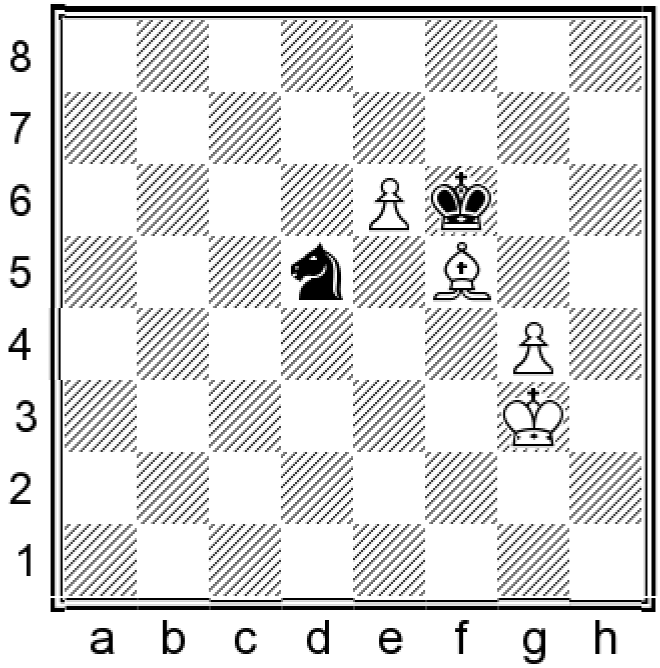
[82...♔f7 83.♖h8 ♖a7 84.♖h7+–]

83.♔d4 ♖d1 84.♔e3 ♖e1 85.♔d2
1 : 0 Mueller

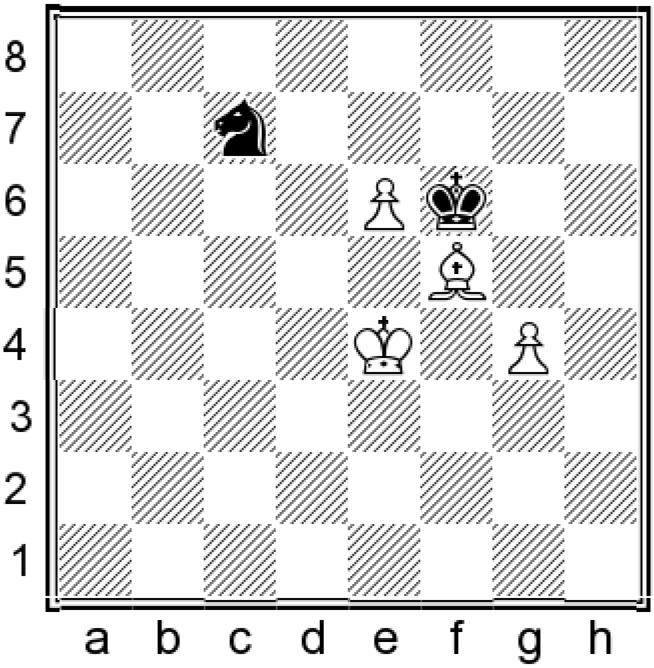
C) Bishop vs Knight

This fight is fascinating as both pieces move in a completely different way. The defending knight often tries to create a fortress:

Ampie 2348 – Lee 2238
Baku Olympiad 2016



86...♘c7? Now White’s king has an inroad.
[86...♔g5! 87.♔f3 ♘c7 88.♔e4 ♔f6



closes all doors and White cannot make progress as 89.♔d4 can be met by 89...♘e6 90.♗e6 ♔e6=]

86...♘c7? 87.♔h4 White's king crosses the demarcation line and starts a long march, which makes fortresses impossible.

87...♘e8 88.♔h5 ♘c7 89.♔h6 ♘d5 90.♔h7 ♘e3

[90...♘e7 is met by 91.♔h8 and Black is in zugzwang, e.g. 91...♘d5 92.♔g8 ♘e7 93.♔f8 ♘d5 94.♔e8 ♘b6 95.♔d8 ♘d5 96.♔d7 ♘b6 97.♔e8 ♘d5 98.♔f8 ♘e7 99.g5+–]

91.♔g8 ♔e7 92.♔g7 ♘d5

[92...♔e8 93.♔f6 ♘d5 94.♔e5 ♘e7 95.g5+–]

93.g5 ♔e8 94.♗g6 ♔e7 95.♗f7 ♘e3 96.g6 ♘f5 97.♔g8 ♔f6 98.♔f8
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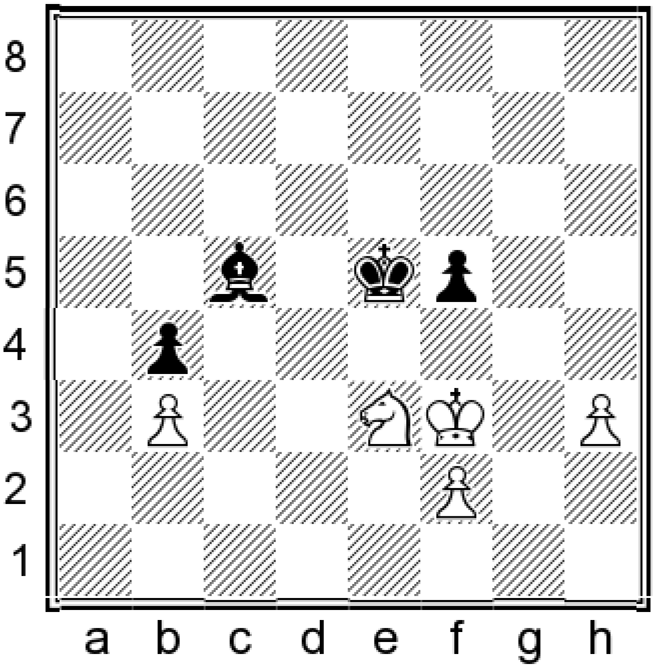
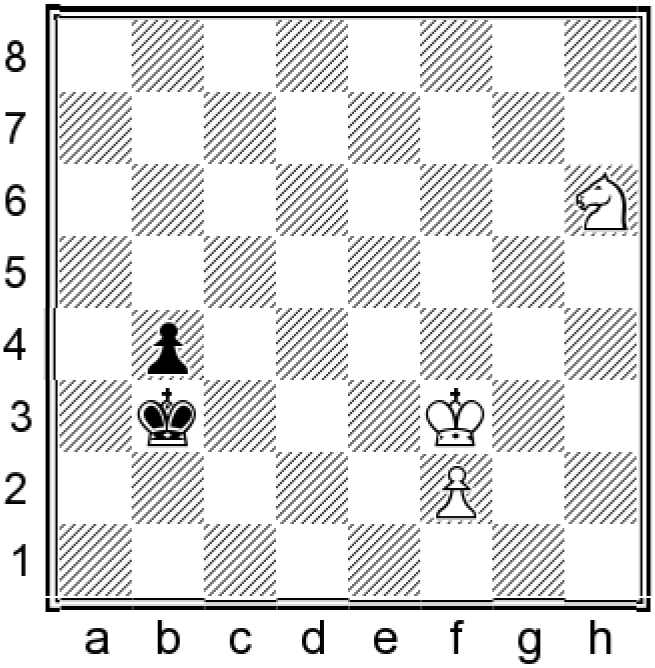
In pawn races the bishop is usually more versatile:

Almasi 2684 – Kreisl 2448
Baku Olympiad 2016



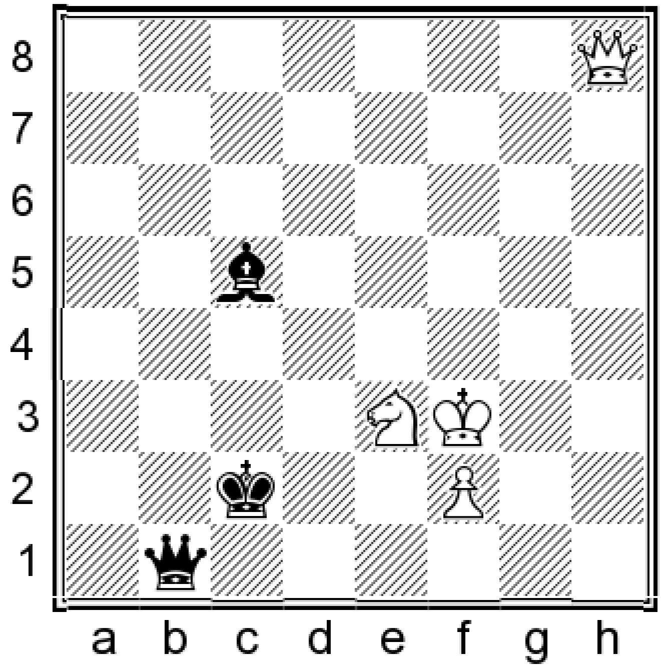
68...♔d4!? Here counterplay counts, as the bishop profits from the resulting dynamics in the pawn race.
[Just keeping the position static is dangerous as White can try to improve his position and 68...f4? 69.♘c2 can even be proved to lose due to 69...♗e7 70.♔e2 ♗c5 71.f3 and White has full statical control and will win, e.g. 71...♗e7 72.♔d3 ♔d5 73.♘e1 ♗f6 74.♘g2 ♗g5 75.h4 ♗h6 76.♘e1 ♗f8 77.♘c2+–]

68...♔d4!? 69.♘f5 ♔c3 70.h4 ♔b3 71.h5 ♔c2
[Amazingly 71...♗f8 72.h6 ♗h6 73.♘h6



draws as well: 73...♔a2 (73...♔c2? 74.♘f5+–) 74.♘f5 b3 75.♘e3 (75.♘d4? b2 76.♘b5 ♔b3 77.♘d4 ♔c3 78.♘e2 ♔c4–+) 75...b2 76.♘d1 b1♘!
Surprisingly White cannot win, e.g. 77.♔e4 (77.♔e3 ♔b3 78.f4 ♔c4 79.♔e4 ♘d2 80.♔e5 ♘f3 81.♔e6 ♘h4=) 77...♘d2 78.♔e3 ♘c4 79.♔d4 ♘d2 80.f4 ♘f3 81.♔e4 ♘h4=]

72.h6 b3 73.h7 b2 74.h8♕ b1♕ 75.♘e3



The position is drawn, but due to the attacking power of queen and knight Black must be very careful:

75...♔d2? Now the bishop is lost by force.

[75...♗e3? is also wrong due to 76.♕h7 ♔c1 77.♕b1 ♔b1 78.♔e3 ♔c2 79.f4+–. Only 75...♔b3! saves the day.]

76.♘c4 ♔c2 77.♕h7 ♔c1 78.♕h6 ♔c2 79.♕g6 ♔c1 80.♕g5

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Blocked positions, where the knight has found a good role, are usually dangerous for the bishop:

Kahn 1880 – Al Mashikhi 2060

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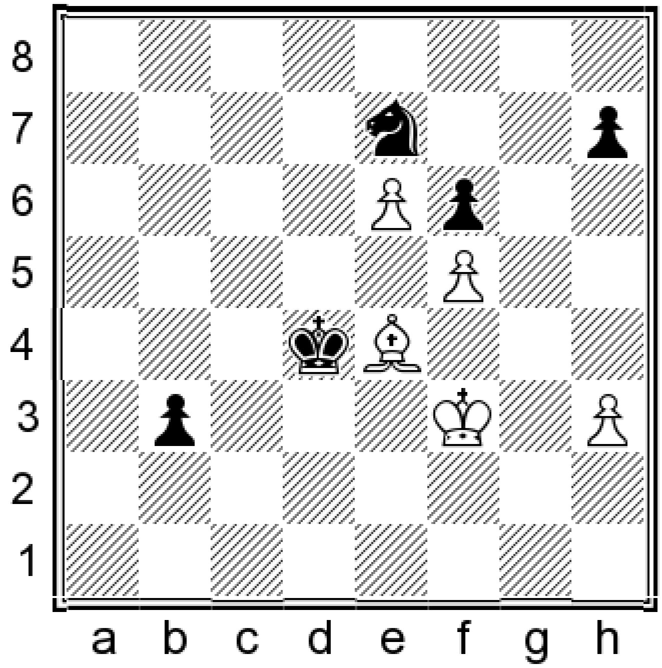
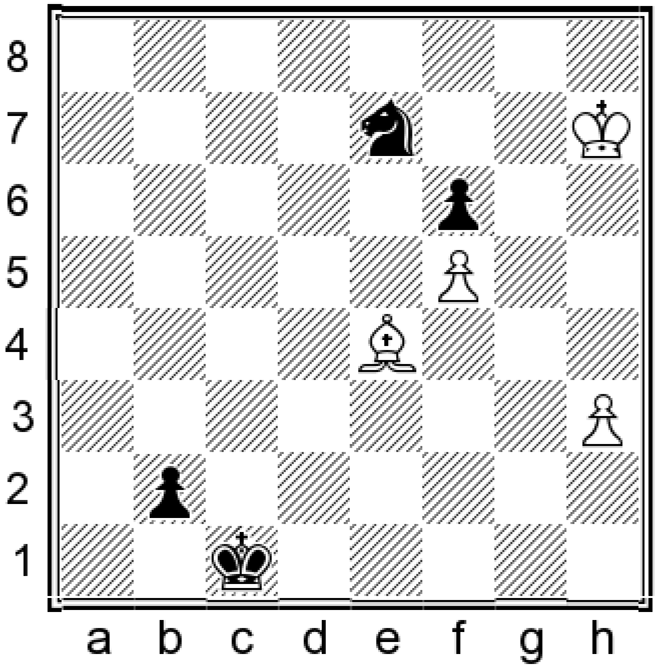


54.♗b1? Now Black’s king can invade on the queenside with gain of time.

[54.♔f4 draws, e.g. 54...♚c3 55.♔e3 b2 (55...♚b2? 56.♔d4 ♚c1 57.♔c5 b2 58.♔d6 ♘c8 59.♔c7 ♘e7 60.♔d7+–) 56.♗b1=]

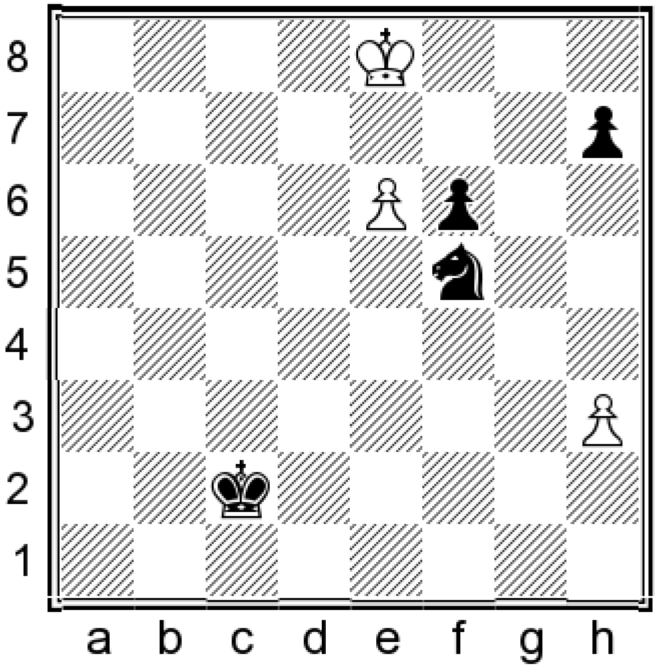
54.♗b1? ♔c3 55.♔e3

[55.♔g4 ♔b2 56.♗e4 ♔c1 57.♔h5 ♘g8 58.e7 ♘e7 59.♔h6 b2 60.♔h7



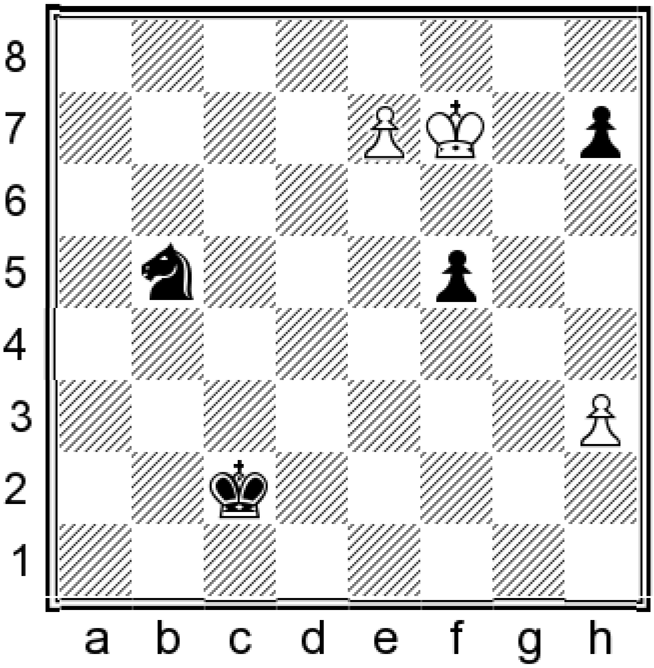
Now Black wins with his b-pawn: 60...♘d5 (60...b1♕? 61.♗b1 ♔b1 62.♔g7=) 61.♔g6 ♘c3 62.♗d3 ♔d2–+]

55...♔b2 56.♗e4 ♔c1 57.♔d4 b2 58.♔c5 b1♕ 59.♗b1 ♔b1 60.♔d6 ♘f5 61.♔d7 ♔c2 62.♔e8



62...♘d4? A miscalculation. The king must approach immediately with [62...♔d3! 63.♔f7 ♔e4 64.♔f6 ♔f4 65.e7 ♘d6 66.♔e6 ♘e8 67.♔f7 ♘c7 68.♔g7 h5 69.♔g6 h4–+]

63.♔f7 f5 64.e7 ♘b5



65.♔e6
[But not 65.e8♕? ♘d6 66.♔f6 ♘e8 67.♔f5 ♔d3 68.♔g5 ♔e4 69.♔h6 ♘f6 70.♔g7 ♔f5 71.♔h6 ♔f4 72.♔g7 h5 73.♔f6 h4–+]

65...♘c7 66.♔f5 ♔d3 67.♔g5 ♔e4 68.♔h6 ♔f5 69.♔h7 ♔f6 70.h4 ♘e8 71.h5 ♔e7
1/2 : 1/2 Mueller

D) Rook vs Knight

The rook is usually much stronger in a pure endgame:

Nikolovski 2265 – D.Marjanovic 2432
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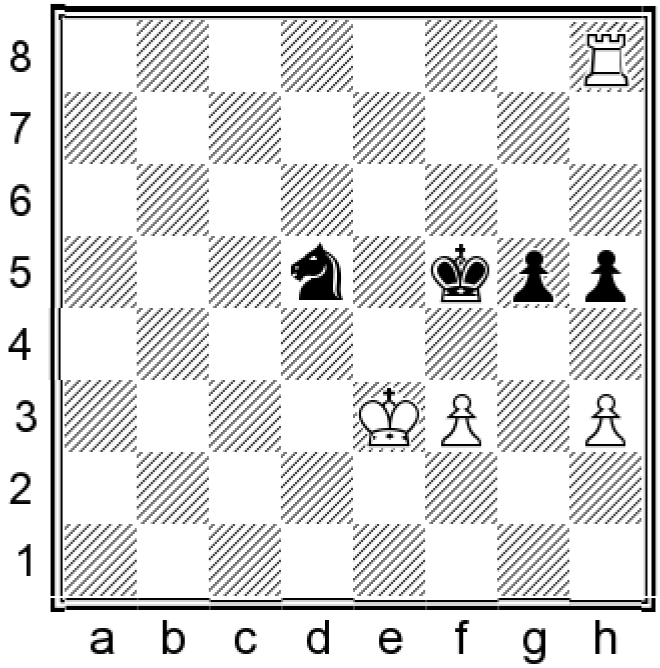
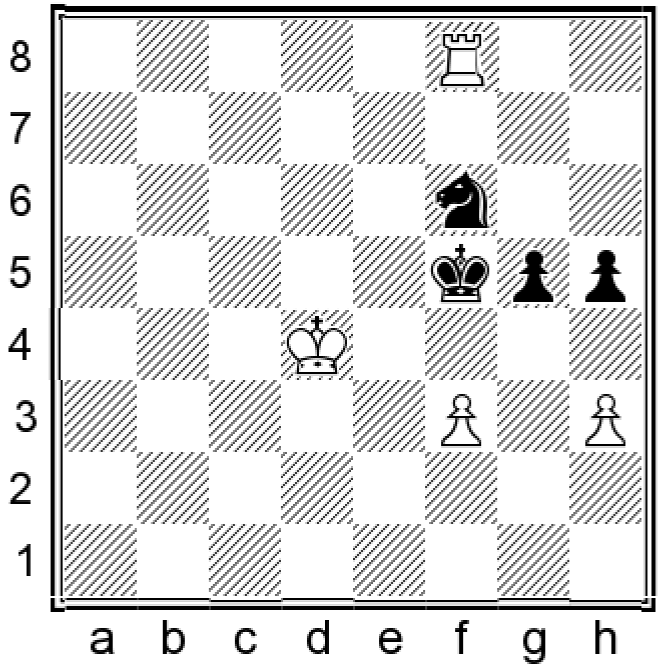


White must act carefully due to the reduced winning potential:

65.♔f2? This retreat is too passive.

[65.♔d4! wins, e.g. 65...♘f6 (65...♘f4 66.♖f8 ♔g6 67.♖f4 gf4 68.h4+–) 66.♖f8



and sooner or later White can play f3-f4 to make inroads for his king, e.g. 66...♔g6 (66...g4 67.fg4 hg4 68.h4 g3 69.♔e3+–; 66...♔e6 67.♖d8 ♔f5 68.♔e3 ♔e5 69.f4 gf4 70.♔f3 ♔f5 71.♖f8 ♔e5 72.h4 ♔f5 73.♖f7 ♔e5 74.♖g7 ♔f5 75.♖g5 ♔e6 76.♔f4+–) 67.♖d8 ♔f5 68.♔e3 ♔e5 69.f4 gf4 70.♔f3 ♔f5 71.♖d4+–]

65.♔f2? h4 66.♖f8 ♔e5 67.♖g8 ♔f5 68.♖f8 ♔e5 69.♖e8 ♔f5 70.♖f8 ♔e5
1/2 : 1/2 Mueller

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— 1. e4 c5

C — 1. e4 e6
— 1. e4 e5

D — 1. d4 d5
— 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 g6 └ 3... d5

E — 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 e6
— 1. d4 ♘f6 2. c4 g6 ┘ 3... d5

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1. A01
Rapport, Richard (2729) - Radjabov, Teimour (2710)
Novi Sad 130/1, 2016

1.b3 b6 2.♗b2 ♗b7 3.♘c3

3.f4 - 8/5, A02

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13...♘a5!?

14.♘f4

14.e4 b5 15.exd5 exd5 16.♘f4 ♘c7↑ (16...b4 17.♘cxd5 c3 18.♘xc3 bxc3 19.♗xc3∞)

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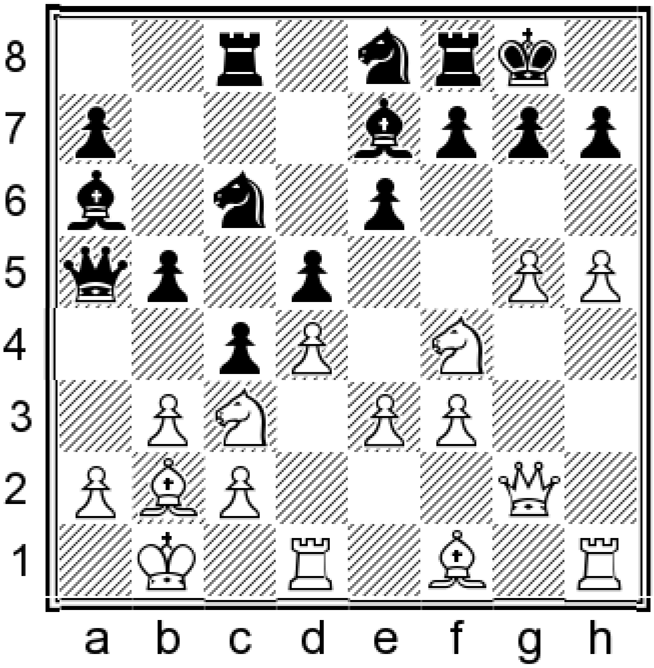

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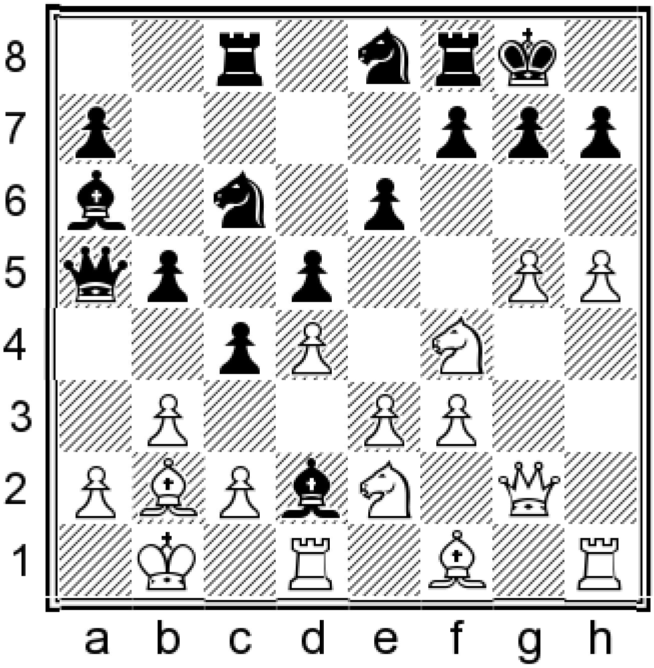
17.♘ce2 ♗d2!



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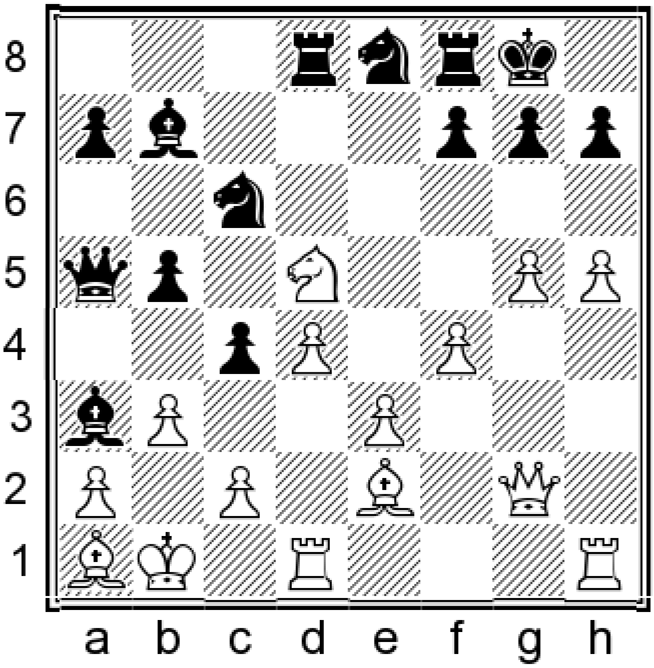

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21...♖xd5! 22.♕xd5 ♘d8 23.♕d7

23.♕e5 ♗d6 24.♕f5 ♗xh1 25.♖xh1 ♕d2∓

23...♗e4

⌓23...♘d6-+

24.♖hf1 ♘d6-+ 25.f5 ♘c6 26.g6 ♘b4 27.♗c3 cxb3 28.gxf7+ ♖xf7 0-1

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Cvetkovic, Srdjan (2302) - Nestorovic, Nikola (2492)
Beograd 130/2, 2016

1.c4 e5 2.b3 ♘c6 3.♗b2

3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5N (5.♗g2) 5...♘xd5 6.♗g2 ♘xc3 7.dxc3 ♕xd1+ 8.♔xd1 ♗e6 (8...♗c5 9.♗e3 ♗xe3 10.♗xc6+ bxc6 11.fxe3 e4 12.h4 ♗g4 13.♘h3=) 9.e4 ♗c5 10.♔e2 O-O-O 11.♘f3 f6 12.♗e3 ♗xe3 13.♔xe3 ♖d6 14.♖hd1 ♖hd8 15.♖xd6 ♖xd6= Cvetkovic,S (2312)-Ozen,D (2131) Skopje 130/(2) 2016

3...♘f6 4.♘c3 d5 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.g3 ♘xc3

6...♗e7 - 15/56

7.dxc3 ♕f6

7...♕xd1+ 8.♖xd1 ♗d7 9.♗g2 O-O-O 10.♘f3 f6 11.O-O ♗e7=

8.♗g2 ♗c5 9.♘f3N

9.e3

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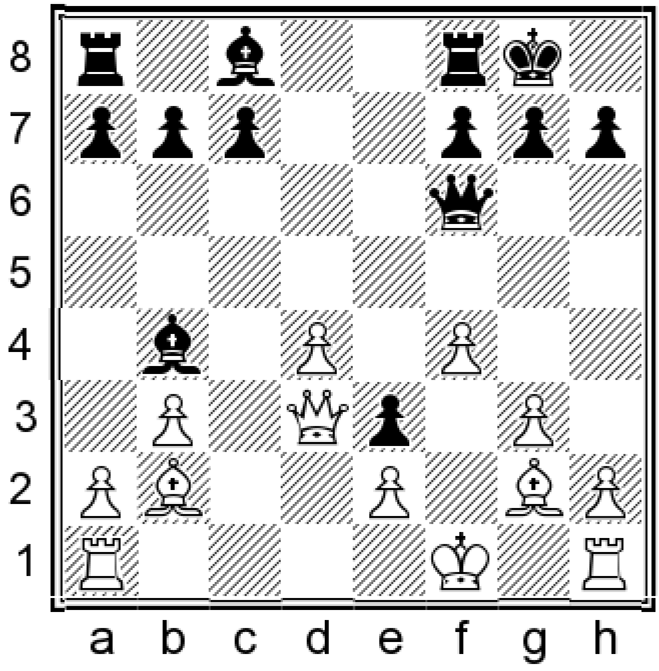

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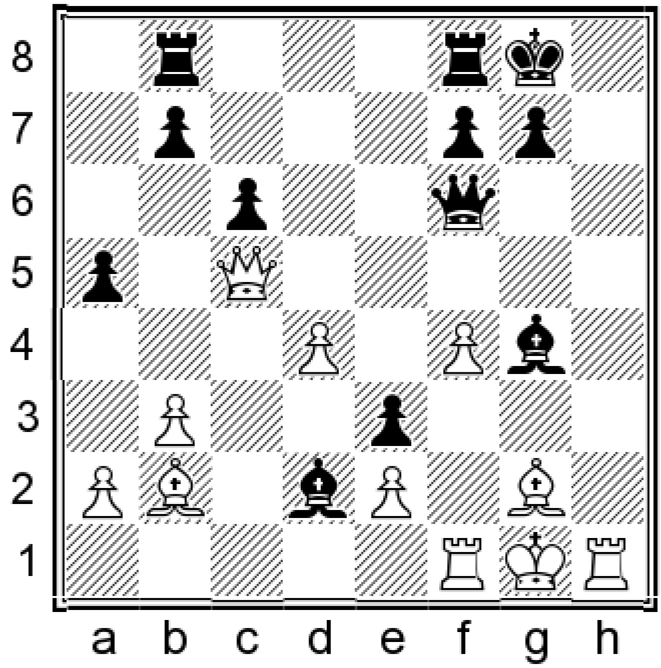
15.h3 h5 16.♔g1 ♗f5

16...h4 17.g4 ♕xf4 18.♖f1 ♕d6 19.d5=∞

17.♕b5 ♖ab8 18.♖f1 c6 19.♕c5 a5 20.g4! hxg4?

20...♗d3 21.♗f3 ♕xf4 22.♖h2∞

21.hxg4 ♗xg4



21...♗d7 22.♕h5 ♕h6 23.♕xh6 gxh6 24.♖xh6+-

22.♗e4!+- g6 23.♕c2 ♕e7 24.d5 f6 25.♗xg6 ♕g7 26.♖h7 ♗xe2 27.♕e4! ♕xh7 28.♗xh7+ ♔f7

28...♔h8 29.♕g6 Δ ♕h6

29.♕g6+ ♔e7 30.♗a3+ 1-0

3. A07
Kramnik, Vladimir (2808) - Adhiban, Baskaran (2671)
Baku (ol) 130/3, 2016

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 ♗f5 4.O-O c6 5.d3 e6 6.♘h4

6.♘bd2 - 109/5 6.♘fd2!? - 112/4

6...♗g4 7.h3 ♗h5 8.♕e1 ♗e7 9.f4 ♘fd7 10.♘f3 f5

10...♗xf3 11.♗xf3 e5 12.e4 dxe4 13.♗xe4 exf4 14.♗xf4 ♘f6 15.♗g2 O-O 16.♘c3 ♗d6 17.♗g5 ♘bd7 18.♘e4 ♗e7= (18...♗e5 19.c3 ♕c7∞)

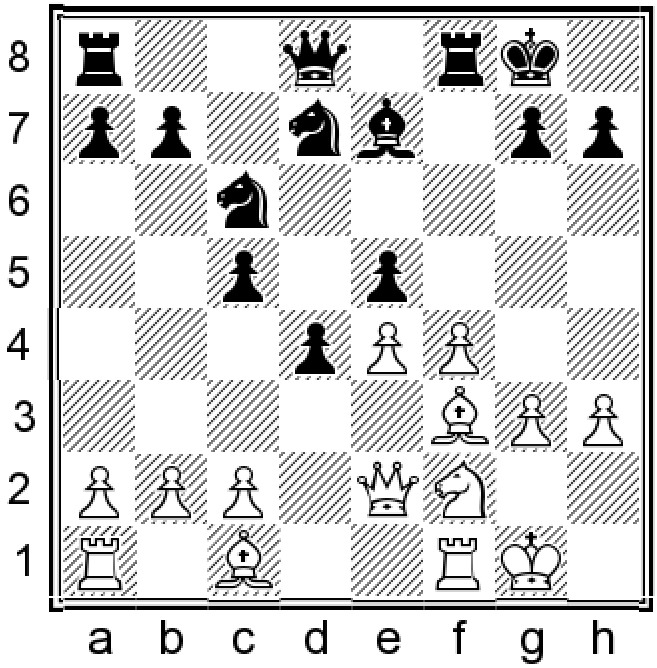
11.e4 ♗xf3N

11...O-O 12.♗e3 fxe4 13.dxe4 ♘a6∞

12.♗xf3 O-O 13.♘c3 fxe4 14.dxe4 d4

14...♕b6+ 15.♔g2 d4 16.♘b1!?±14...♘a6 15.e5 ♕e8 16.♔h2 ♕g6 17.♕e2 ♘b4 18.♖f2±

15.♘d1 e5 16.♘f2 c5 17.♕e2 ♘c6



18.♗g4!↑ ♔h8 19.♗e6 exf4 20.gxf4 g5?!

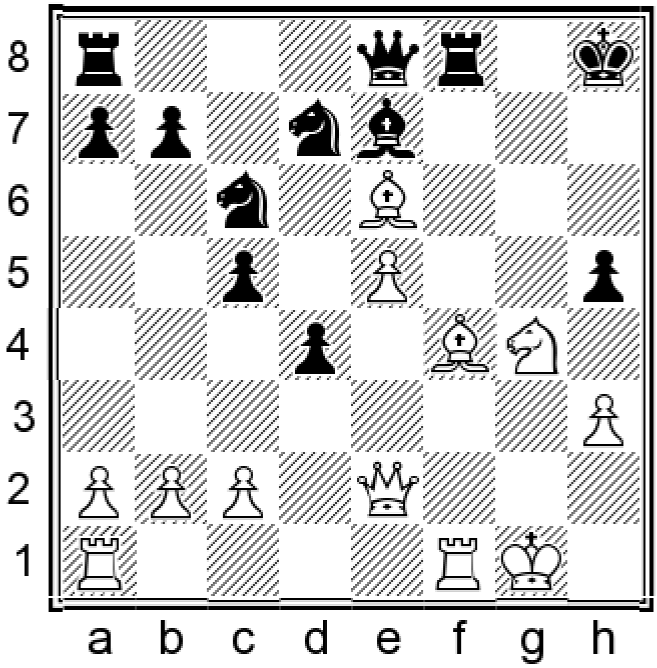
⌓20...♕c7 21.♘d3 ♘d8 22.♗g4 c4 23.♘e1 ♘f6 24.♗f3±

21.♘g4 gxf4 22.♗xf4 ♕e8 23.e5

23.♕b5!±

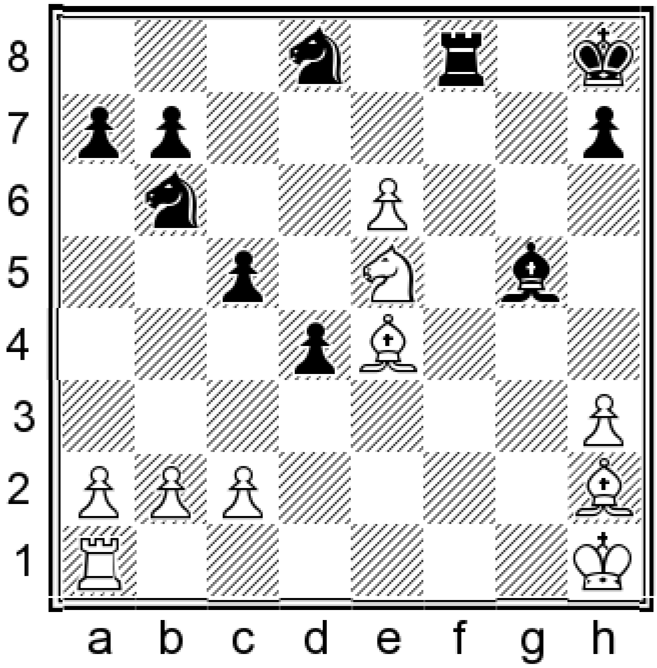
23...♗h4

23...h5



24.♔h1!! (24.♘h2?? ♕g6+-+) 24...hxg4 (24...d3 25.♕g2! ♘d4 26.♗d5 ♘xc2 (26...hxg4 27.♕xg4 ♘e2 28.♗h6+-) 27.♘h6+-) 25.♕xg4 ♘dxe5 26.♗xe5+ ♘xe5 27.♖xf8+ ♕xf8 28.♕h5+ ♔g7 29.♖g1++-

24.♗c4 ♕g6 25.♔h1 ♗g5 26.♗h2 ♘b6 27.♗d3 ♕e6 28.♕e4 ♕d5 29.e6 ♖ae8 30.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 31.♘e5 ♕xe4+ 32.♗xe4 ♘d8



33.a4!?

33.♘d7! ♘xd7 34.exd7 ♖f7 (34...♔g7 35.♖g1 ♔h6 36.♗xh7 ♖f7 37.♗d3 ♖xd7 38.h4 ♗d2 (38...♗xh4 39.♗f4++-) 39.♖g8+-) 35.♗e5+ ♗f6 36.♗d5! ♗xe5 (36...♖f8 37.♖f1 ♔g7 38.♖g1+ ♔h6 (38...♔h8 39.♗xf6+ ♖xf6 40.♖g8#) 39.♗f4+ ♔h5 40.♗f3+ ♔h4 41.♖g4+ ♔xh3 42.♖g2 h5 43.♖h2#) 37.♗xf7 ♘xf7 38.♖f1! ♔g7 (38...♘d8 39.♖f8++-) 39.♖xf7++-

33...♘xe6 34.a5 ♘c8 35.♘d7 ♖e8?!

35...♖d8 36.♗xb7 ♘e7 37.♘e5 ♖f8 38.♖e1±

36.♗e5+ ♘g7

36...♔g8 37.♗d5+-

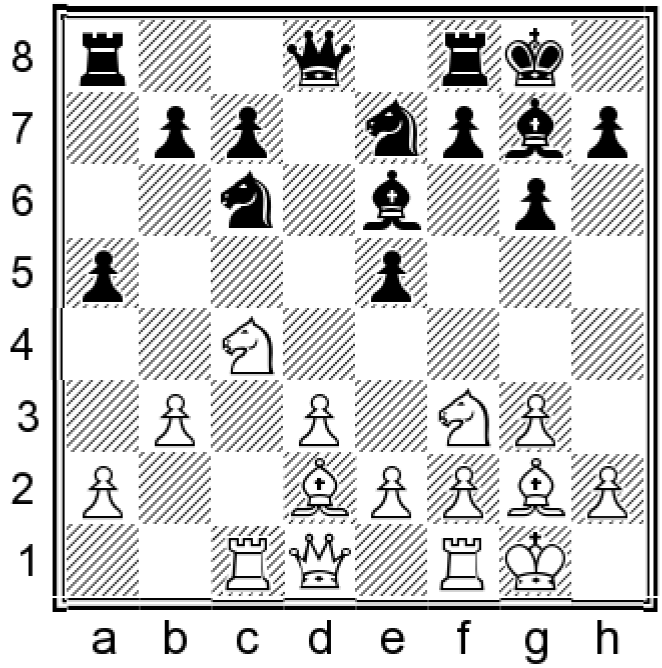
37.♖g1+- ♗h6 38.♗xb7 ♘e7 39.♘f6 ♖f8 40.♗e4 ♘g8 41.♘xh7 ♖e8 42.♘g5 ♖e7 43.♗d3 ♗xg5 44.♖xg5 ♘h6 45.♗xg7+ ♖xg7 46.♖h5 1-0

4.* A09
Pantsulaia, Levan (2601) - So, Wesley (2782)
Baku (ol) 130/4, 2016

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.c4 dxc4 4.♘a3

4.♕a4+ - 119/1

4...♗g7 5.♘xc4 ♘c6 6.d3 e5 7.♗d2 ♗e6 8.♖c1 ♘ge7 9.♗g2 a5 10.O-O O-O 11.b3



11...h6N

11...♕d7 - 130/(4) 'N' Shankland,Samuel L. 12.♗c3 f6 13.♕c2 b5 14.♘cd2 a4 15.♘e4 axb3 16.axb3 ♗f7 17.♗d2 ♖a3 18.♘c5 ♕d6 19.♘b7 ♕d7 20.♘c5 ♕d6= Petrosian,T (2611)-Carlsen,M (2851) chess. com (blitz) 130/(4) 201611...f6

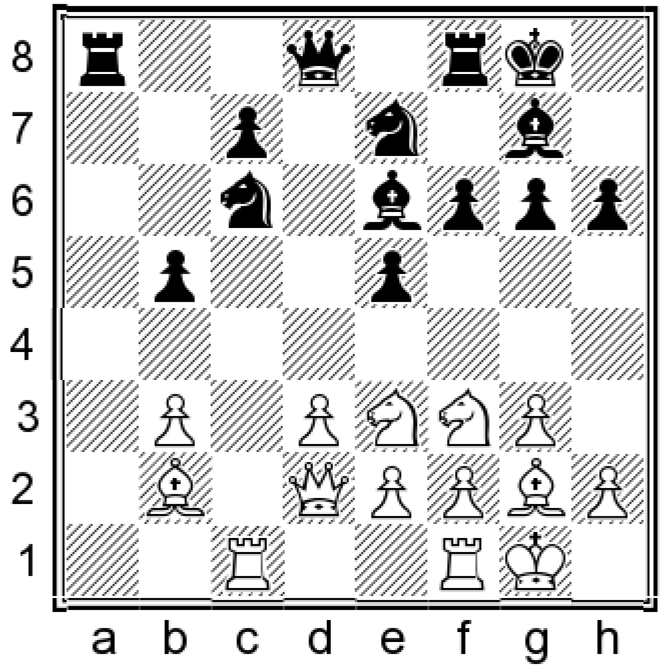
12.♗c3 f6 13.♕d2?

13.♘fd2!?

13...a4 14.♗b2

14.b4? e4!∓, 14.e4! axb3 15.axb3 ♕d7 16.d4 ♘xd4 17.♘xd4 exd4 18.♕xd4 ♕xd4 19.♗xd4 ♖fd8=

14...axb3 15.axb3 b5! 16.♘e3



16...♘a5!

16...♗xb3? 17.♘h4±

17.♕b4

17.♖b1 ♘xb3 18.♕d1 ♖a2∓

17...♘xb3 18.♘g5 hxg5 19.♗xa8 c5! 20.♖xc5 ♕xa8 21.♖xb5

21.♖c7 ♘d5 22.♘xd5 ♕xd5-+

21...♘c6 22.♕d6 ♘bd4 23.♗xd4 ♘xd4 24.♖b2 ♖d8 25.♕b6 f5-+ 26.♖fb1 f4 27.♘c4 e4 28.e3 fxe3 29.fxe3 exd3 30.exd4 ♗xc4

30...♗xd4+ 31.♕xd4 ♖xd4 32.♖b8+ ♕xb8 33.♖xb8+ ♔g7 34.♘d2∓

31.♕xg6 ♕d5 32.♖f2 ♕xd4 33.♖b2 ♕e5 34.♖bd2 ♖d6 35.♕f5 ♕e1+ 36.♖f1 ♕xd2 37.♕c8+ ♔h7 0-1

5.* A09
Mirkovic, Slobodan (2241) - Rajkovic, Mladen (2275)
Srbija 130/5, 2016

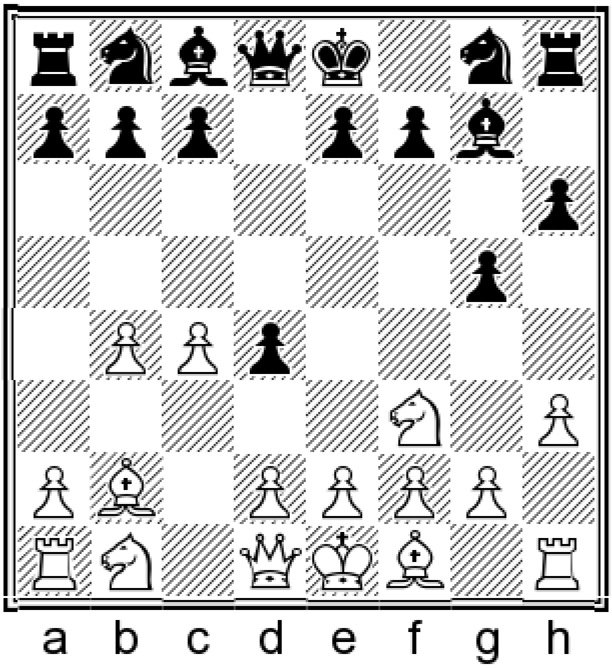
1.♘f3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 g5 4.h3!

4.♗b2 - 123/3

4...h6 5.♗b2

5.d3

5...♗g7



6.d3N

6.e4 - 130/(5) 6...e5 7.c5 ♘e7 8.♘a3 ♘g6 9.h4? (9.♘c4 O-O∞) 9...gxh4 10.♕a4+ ♗d7 11.b5 O-O 12.♖c1 f5 (12...a6∓) 13.c6 bxc6 14.bxc6 ♗c8∓ Bartel,M (2649)-Sengupta,D (2551) Warszawa 130/(5) 2016

6...c5

6...e5 7.e3 dxe3 8.fxe3⩲

7.bxc5 e5 8.g3

8.e3⩲

8...♘e7

8...♘a6 9.♗g2⩲

9.♗g2 ♘bc6 10.♘bd2 f5 11.O-O ♗e6

11...O-O 12.♘b3⩲

12.♘e1?

12.♖e1!⩲

12...h5

12...O-O 13.♖b1⩲

13.e3 ♘g6?

13...dxe3 14.fxe3 ♕d7=

14.exd4 exd4 15.♕e2 ♔f7

15...♕d7 16.♘df3 ♗f6 17.♘c2 ♔f7 18.♖ab1+-

16.♘ef3

16.♘c2! g4 17.♖ae1±

16...♗f6

16...g4 17.♖fe1 ♖e8 18.♘h2±

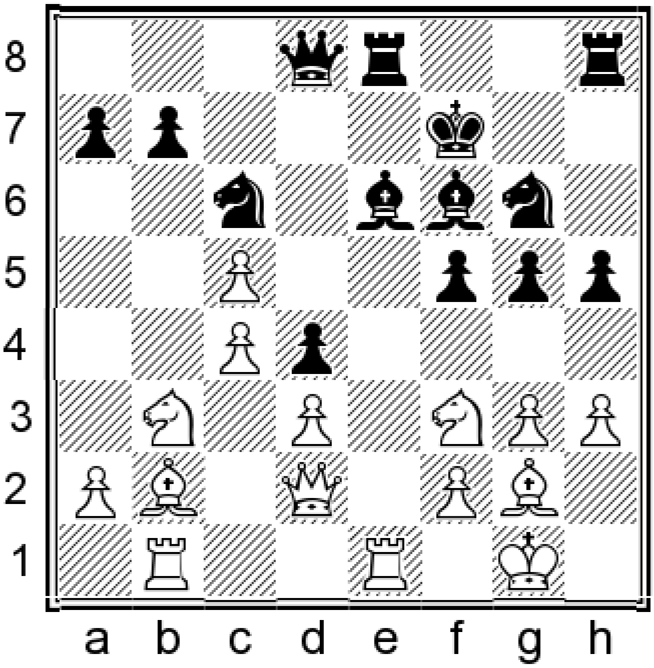
17.♖ab1± ♖b8 18.♖fe1 ♕d7

18...♖e8 19.♘b3±

19.♘b3! ♖be8 20.♕d2

20.♘bxd4!? ♘xd4 21.♗xd4 ♗xd4 22.♘xg5+ ♔f6 23.♖xb7+-

20...♕d8



21.♘bxd4! ♗xd4

21...♘xd4 22.♗xd4 ♗xd4 23.♘xg5+ ♔f6 24.♖xb7 ♘e5 25.♖xa7+-

22.♗xd4 ♘xd4 23.♖xb7+ ♖e7

23...♘e7 24.♕xg5 ♖eg8 25.♘e5+ ♔e8 26.♕f6 ♖h7 27.♘c6!+-

24.♘xg5+

24.♖xe7+ ♔xe7 25.♕e3 ♘xf3+ 26.♗xf3 ♕c8 27.♗d5 ♘f8 28.♕xg5+ ♔f7 29.d4+-

24...♔f6

24...♔g8 25.♖xe7 ♕xe7 (25...♘xe7 26.♘xe6 ♘xe6 27.♖xe6+-) 26.♘xe6 ♘xe6 27.♖xe6!+-

25.♘xe6

25.♖xe7 ♘xe7 26.♕e3 ♗f7 27.♗d5+-

25...♖xe6

25...♘xe6 26.♕b2+ ♔g5 (26...♔f7 27.♗d5+-) (26...♘d4 27.♖exe7 ♘xe7 28.♗d5+-) 27.h4+ ♔h6 28.♖xe6! ♖xb7 (28...♖xe6 29.♕g7#) 29.♕xb7+-

26.♖xe6+ ♘xe6

26...♔xe6 27.♗d5+ ♔f6 (27...♔e5 28.♕e3+ ♔f6 29.♖f7#) 28.♖f7+ ♔e5 29.♕e3#

27.♗d5 ♘e5

27...f4 28.♕c3+ ♘e5 (28...♔g5 29.♗xe6+-) 29.gxf4 ♘xf4 30.♖f7+ ♔g6 31.♕xe5+-

28.♕e3 ♖e8

28...♘c7 29.h4 ♘xd5 30.cxd5 ♖g8 31.d4+-

29.♕h6+ ♘g6 30.♗xe6! ♖e7

30...♖xe6 31.♕g7+ ♔g5 32.f4#

31.♖xe7 ♕xe7 32.♗d5 ♕xc5 33.♕xh5 ♕e7

33...♕d4 34.h4 ♕xd3 35.♕g5+ ♔g7 36.h5+-

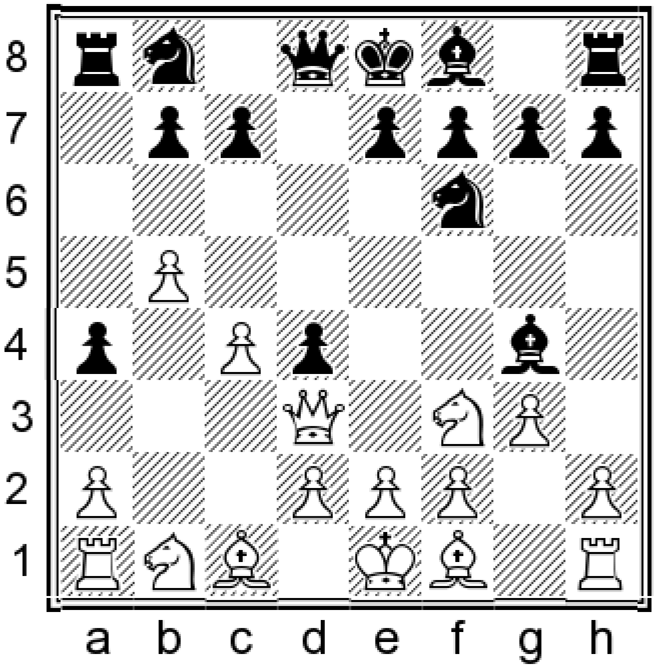
34.h4 ♕e1+ 35.♔g2 ♕d2 36.♕h7 ♘e5 37.♕h8+ 1-0

6.* A09
Svidler, Peter (2745) - Li, Chao (2746)
Moscow 130/6, 2016

1.♘f3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 ♗g4

3...f6 - 126/4 3...c5 - 127/(6)

4.♕b3 ♘f6 5.g3 a5 6.b5 a4 7.♕d3



7...♗xf3?!N

7...c5 - 130/(6) 8.♗g2 ♘bd7 9.h3 ♗h5 10.O-ON (10.♕c2) 10...e5 11.♘h4 g5? (11...e4!? 12.♗xe4 ♕e7 (12...♘e5 13.♕c2 ♕e7=∞) 13.♗xb7 ♗xe2 14.♕a3! (14.♖e1 ♗xd3 15.♖xe7+ ♗xe7 16.♗xa8 ♗xc4∓) 14...♖a7 15.♗g2 ♗xf1 16.♔xf1=∞) 12.♘f5 ♕b6 13.e4± Bologan,V (2640)-Motylev,A (2663) Russia (ch-rapid) 130/(6) 2016

8.♕xf3 c6 9.♗g2 e5 10.O-O ♗e7

10...e4 11.♕f5 ♗d6 (11...g6 12.♕e5+ ♗e7 13.♗a3↑) 12.d3±

11.d3 O-O 12.♘d2 h5 13.h3 g6 14.♖b1 ♘h7 15.e3 ♖e8

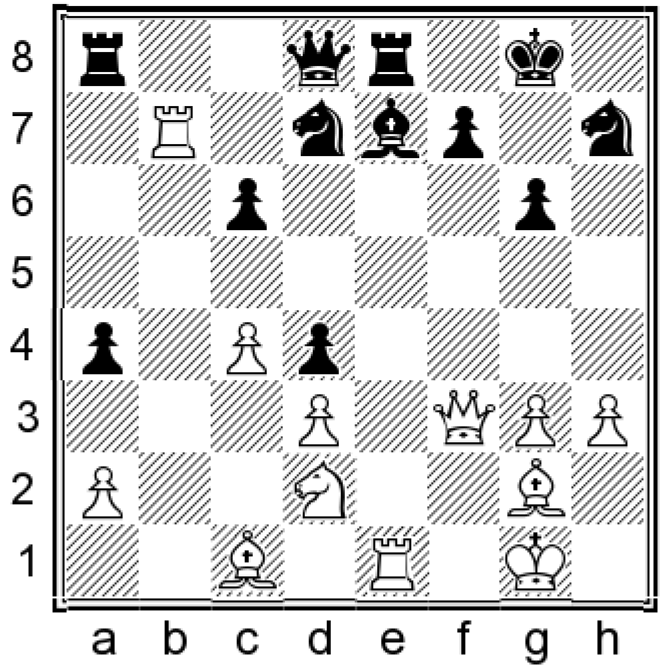
15...♘g5 16.♕e2±

16.exd4 exd4 17.♖e1 h4?! 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.♖b7 hxg3 20.fxg3?!

20.♕xg3!±

20...♗f6

20...♘d7!



21.♘e4!± (21.♕xc6 ♘c5 22.♕xe8+! (22.♗d5 ♘xb7 23.♕xg6+ ♔h8 24.♗xf7 ♖f8) 22...♕xe8 23.♖bxe7 ♕b8 24.♘f1! (24.♗xa8? ♕xg3+ 25.♗g2 ♘g5↑) 24...♘e6 (24...♘xd3 25.♗xa8 ♘xe1 26.♗d5±) 25.♗h6!?↑)

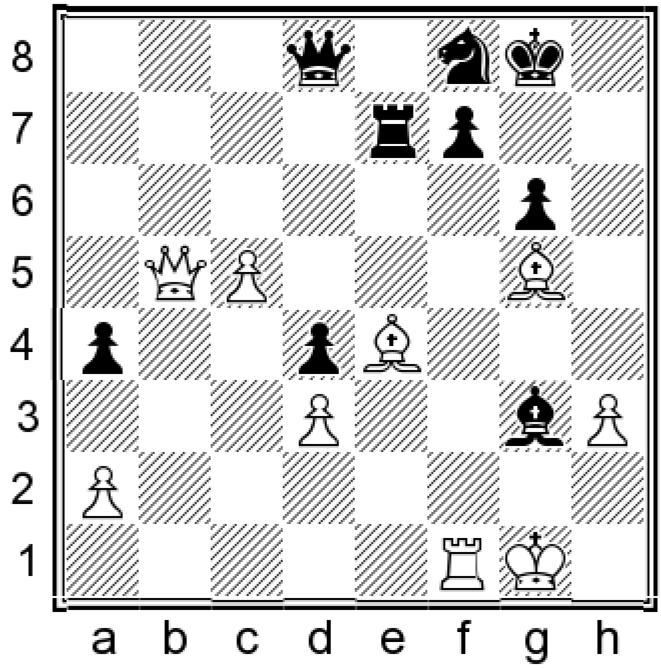
21.♘e4 ♘d7 22.♖f1 ♖xe4

22...♖e6 23.♖xd7 ♕xd7 24.♘c5 ♕e7 25.♘xe6 ♕xe6 26.♕xc6+-

23.♕xe4 ♘c5 24.♕xc6 ♖c8 25.♕b5 ♘xb7 26.♗xb7 ♖c7

26...♖b8 27.♗f4+-

27.♗f4 ♖e7 28.♗e4 ♘f8 29.c5 ♗e5 30.♗g5 ♗xg3



31.♕b6!+- ♕xb6

31...♕c7 32.♗xe7 ♕xe7 33.♕f6+-

32.cxb6 ♖e5 33.♗f6 ♖b5 34.b7 ♘e6 35.♖c1 ♘c7 36.♔g2 ♗f4 37.♖c4 ♔h7 38.♔f3 ♗h2 39.♖c5 ♔g8 40.♖xb5 ♘xb5 41.♗c6 ♘c3 42.♗h4 1-0

7. A09
Mareco, Sandro (2606) - Nakamura, Hikaru (2789)
Baku (ol) 130/7, 2016

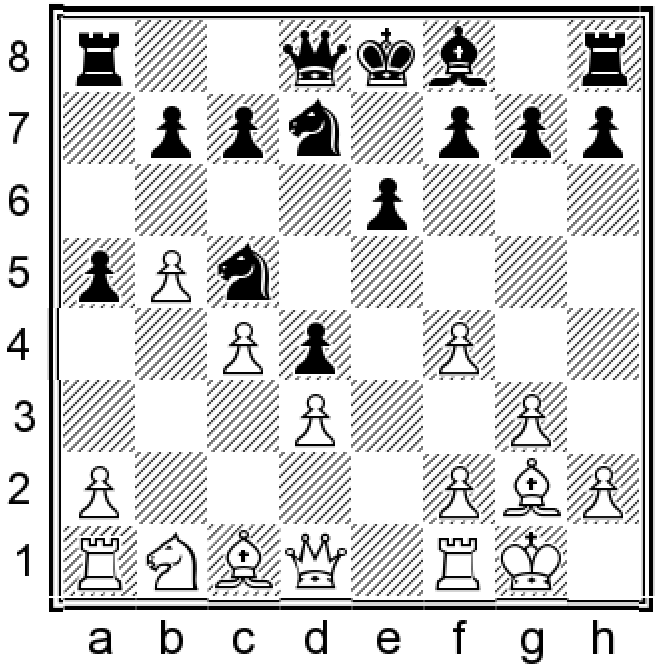
1.♘f3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.b4 ♗g4 4.g3 ♗xf3 5.exf3 a5?!N

⌓5...e6

6.b5 ♘d7 7.♗g2 e6 8.O-O ♘gf6?

8...c5 9.f4 ♖b8 10.d3±

9.f4 ♘c5 10.d3 ♘fd7



11.♘d2! ♗e7

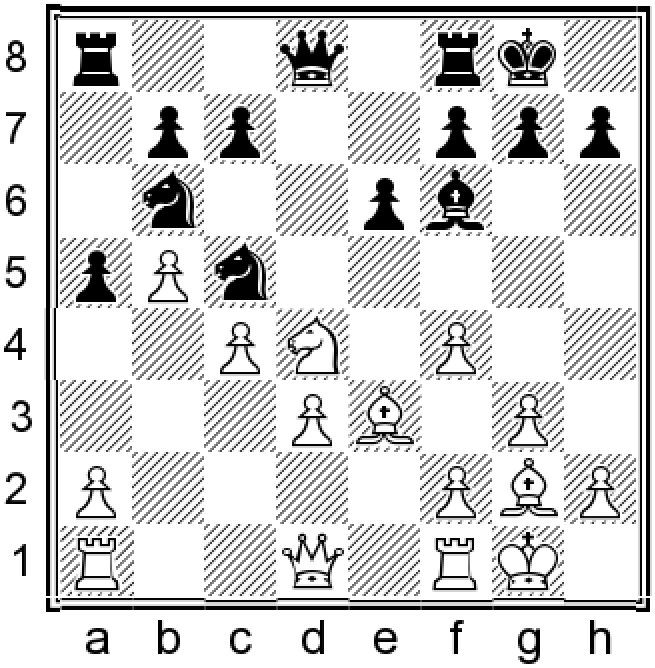
11...♘xd3 12.♗xb7 ♖b8 13.♗c6±

12.♘b3± O-O

12...♘xb3?! 13.axb3 ♖a7 14.♗d2 b6 15.b4+-

13.♘xd4 ♗f6 14.♗e3 ♕e7

14...♘b6



15.♘c6! bxc6 16.♗xc5 ♗xa1 17.♗xf8 ♕xf8 18.♕xa1+-

15.♖c1 ♕d6 16.♘b3 ♘xb3 17.axb3 ♗d4! 18.♗xb7 ♖ad8 19.♗f3 ♘c5 20.♖e1 g6

20...♗xe3 21.♖xe3 ♘xd3 22.♖a1+-

21.♕c2 ♕b6 22.♖a1 ♖d6 23.♗xd4 ♖xd4 24.♖e3 ♖fd8 25.♖d1

25.♗e2 c6 26.bxc6 ♘xb3 27.♕b2+-

25...♕d6 26.♕c3 ♕b6 27.h4 h5 28.♗e2

28.♗d5! ♘xb3 (28...♘xd3 29.c5+-) 29.♗xe6+-

28...c6 29.bxc6 ♕xc6 30.♖a1

30.♕xa5 ♘xb3 31.♕g5+-

30...♕b7 31.♖xa5 ♕xb3 32.♕xb3 ♘xb3 33.♖a3 ♖b8 34.♖a7 ♘c1 35.♗f1 ♖b2 36.♖e4 ♖d8 37.♖e1

37.d4 ♖c2 38.d5 exd5 39.cxd5 ♖xd5 40.♗c4+-

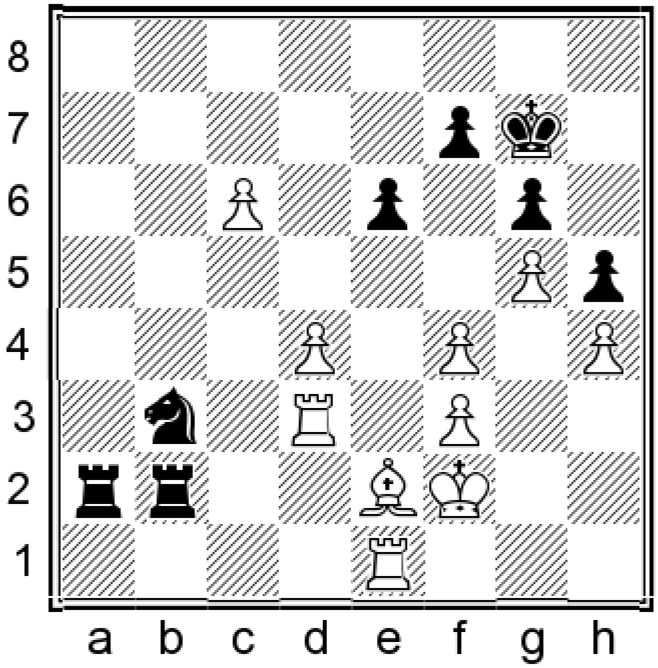
37...♖c2 38.♖a1 ♘b3 39.♖ad1 ♘d4 40.♔g2 ♘f5 41.♖b1 ♖d2 42.♔g1 ♘d4 43.♖ed1 ♖a2 44.♖a1 ♖b2 45.♖db1 ♖c2 46.♖a3 ♖d7 47.♖ba1 ♔g7 48.♔g2 ♖b7 49.♖3a2 ♖c3 50.♖d1 ♔f6 51.f3 ♖bb3 52.♔f2 ♘c6 53.g4 ♘b4 54.♖ad2 ♘c6 55.♖a1 ♘b4 56.♖ad1 ♖a3 57.♗e2 ♘c6 58.g5+ ♔g7 59.d4 ♘a5! 60.c5

60.d5? ♘xc4 61.♗xc4 ♖xc4 62.d6 ♖a8=

60...♘b3?!

60...♖a4 61.♖d3 ♖cc4 62.♖1d2±

61.♖d3 ♖c2 62.♖e1 ♖b2 63.c6 ♖aa2



64.c7??

64.f5! gxf5 65.c7 ♘c1 66.♖xc1 ♖xe2+ 67.♔g3 ♖g2+ 68.♔f4+-

64...♘c1!= 65.♖xc1 ♖xe2+ 66.♔f1 ♖h2 67.♔g1 ♖ag2+ 68.♔f1 ♖f2+ 69.♔g1 ♖hg2+ 70.♔h1 ♖h2+ 1/2-1/2

8.* A20
Aronian, Levon (2795) - Giri, Anish (2755)
Moscow 130/8, 2016

1.c4 e5 2.g3 ♘f6 3.♗g2 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♘f3 ♘c6 6.O-O ♘b6 7.d3 ♗e7 8.♗e3!?

8.♘c3

8...O-O

8...♘d5 9.♘c3 ♘xe3 10.fxe3 O-O 11.d4 ♗f6=

9.♘bd2N

9.♘c3 - 120/13

9...♗e6

9...♘d5!?N 10.♘c4 (10.♖c1 ♘xe3 11.fxe3 ♕d6=) 10...♘xe3 (10...f6!?) 11.♘xe3 (11.fxe3!?) 11...♖e8 12.♖c1 ♗f8= Artemiev,V (2663)-Matlakov,M (2691) Russia (ch-blitz) 130/(8) 2016

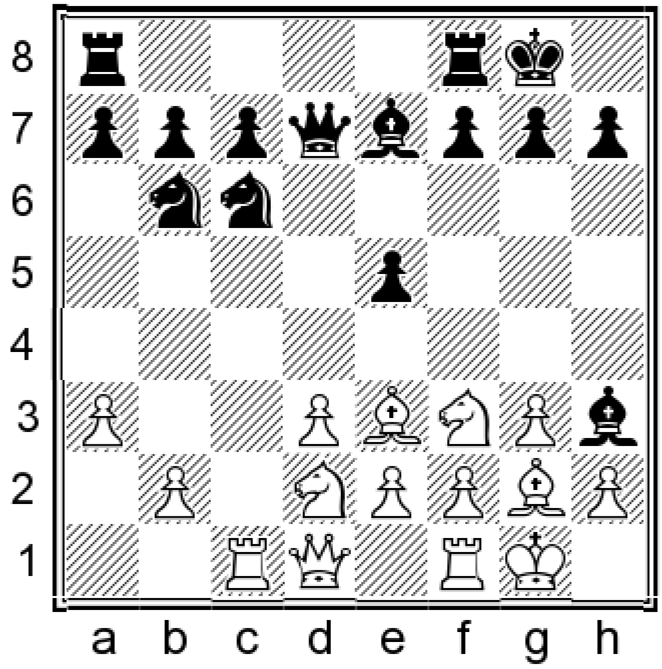
10.♖c1 ♕d7

10...♘d5!? 11.♗c5 f6=10...f6=

11.a3

11.♕c2 f6 12.a3 ♘d5=

11...♗h3?



11...♘d5 12.♕c2 (12.♗c5 f6 13.♗xe7 (13.♕c2 ♗xc5 14.♕xc5 ♘de7=) (13.♘e4 b6 14.♗xe7 ♘dxe7 15.♕a4 ♖fd8 16.e3 ♖ac8 17.♘fd2 ♘a5=) 13...♘dxe7 14.b4 b6=) 12...♖fd8 13.♘b3 h6=11...f6 12.♘e4 ♘d5=

12.♗xh3! ♕xh3 13.b4 ♗d6?!

13...a6 14.♗xb6 cxb6 15.♘c4± ×b6, e513...♕d7 14.b5 (14.♘e4 ♖fd8 (14...♖fe8 15.b5 ♘d8 16.a4 f6±) 15.♗c5±) 14...♘a5 15.♕c2±

14.♕b3± ♘e7

14...♖ad8 15.♘e4 ♘e7 16.♗g5 ♘bd5 17.♗xe7 ♘xe7 18.b5±14...h6 15.♘e4 ♖fe8 16.♖fd1±

15.d4?!

15.♗c5 ♕d7 (15...♖fe8? 16.♕xf7+!! ♔xf7 17.♘g5+ ♔g8 18.♘xh3+-) 16.♖fd1 ♖fd8 17.d4!±

15...exd4 16.♗xd4 ♘c6 17.♘e4 ♘xd4 18.♘xd4 ♕d7?!

18...♗e5?! 19.♘f3 ♖ae8 20.♖fd1±⌓18...♖ad8 19.♖fd1 ♕g4 20.♘xd6 ♖xd6±

19.♖fd1 ♗e5

19...♖fe8 20.♕f3±

20.♘c6!?

20.♘c5 ♕c8 21.e4 ♗f6 22.f4+-

20...♕e8

⌓20...♗d6 21.♘a5 ♕e7 22.♘c5 ♗xc5 23.bxc5 ♘d7 24.♕xb7 ♘e5 25.♘c6 ♘xc6 26.♕xc6 ♖fd8±

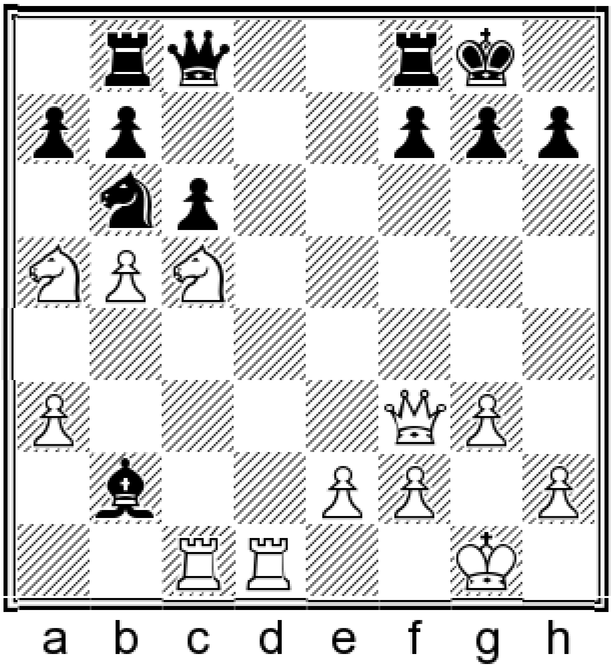
21.♘a5 ×b7 **21...♖b8 22.♘c5 ♕c8 23.♕f3**

23.b5! ♖e8 24.♕f3+-

23...c6 24.b5!?

24.a4 h6 25.b5 ♗b2 26.♖c2 cxb5 27.axb5 ♗f6 28.♖dc1+-

24...♗b2



24...cxb5? 25.♘d7 ♕xc1 (25...♕xd7 26.♖xd7 ♘xd7 27.♘xb7+-) 26.♖xc1 ♘xd7 27.♘xb7 ♘f6 28.♘a5+-

25.bxc6!

25.♖c2 cxb5 26.♕b3 (26.♕d3 ♗f6 27.♘cxb7 ♕e6 28.♕xb5±) 26...♗f6 27.♘d7 ♕d8 28.♕xb5 ♘xd7 29.♖xd7 ♕b6 30.♕xb6 axb6 31.♘xb7±

25...♗xc1 26.♖xc1 ♕c7?

⌓26...bxc6 27.♘xc6 ♖e8 28.♘xb8 ♕xb8 29.♘d3±

27.cxb7+- ♘a4

27...♖fe8 28.♕c6 ♖e7 29.a4 ♕xc6 30.♘xc6 ♖exb7 31.♘xb7 ♖xb7 32.a5 ♘d7 33.a6 ♖b6 34.♖d1 ♖xc6 35.♖xd7 h6 36.♖xa7+-

28.♘cb3 ♕e7

28...♕b6 29.♕c6! ♕xc6 (29...♘b2 30.♕c3 ♘a4 31.♕c4 ♘b2 32.♕b4+-) 30.♖xc6 ♘b6 31.♘c5+-

29.♘d4

29.♕f4+-

29...♕g5 30.♕f4!

30.♘ab3+-

30...♕xa5

30...♕xf4 31.gxf4 ♘b6 32.e3+-

31.♕xb8! ♖xb8 32.♖c8+ ♕d8 33.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 34.♘c6

34.♘c6 ♖e8 35.♘e7+ ♔f8 36.♘c8 1-0

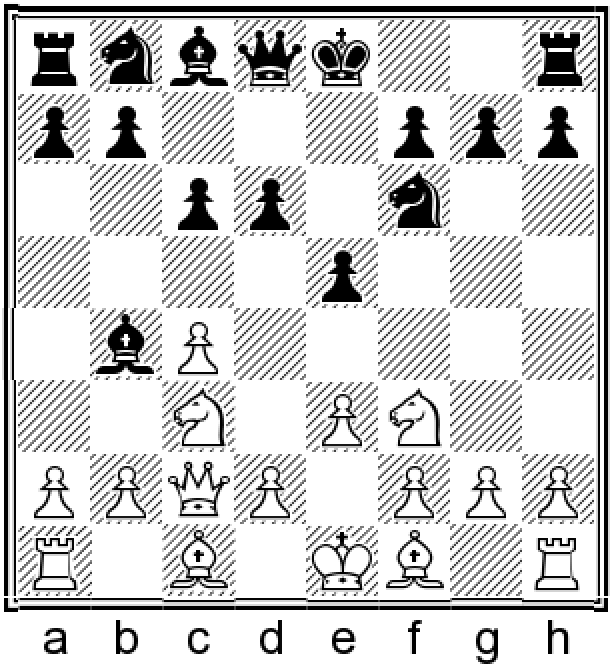
9.** A21**
Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2740) - Anand, Viswanathan (2776)
Moscow 130/9, 2016

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♗b4 3.♘d5 ♗c5 4.♘f3 c6 5.♘c3 d6 6.e3 ♗b4

6...♕e7 - 129/10

7.d4

7.♕c2 ♘f6



8.a3 (8.♗e2N O-O 9.d4 ♖e8 10.♗d2 ♗g4 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.O-O-O ♘bd7 13.♘g5 ♗xe2 14.♘xe2 ♗xd2+ 15.♖xd2 h6 16.h4!?∞ Artemiev,V (2653) -Vidit,S (2658) Martuni 130/(9) 2016) 8...♗xc3 9.♕xc3 O-O 10.d3N (10.b4) 10...♖e8 11.♗e2 e4 12.♘d2 d5∞ Topalov,V (2761) -Anand,V (2770) Leuven (blitz) 130/(9) 2016

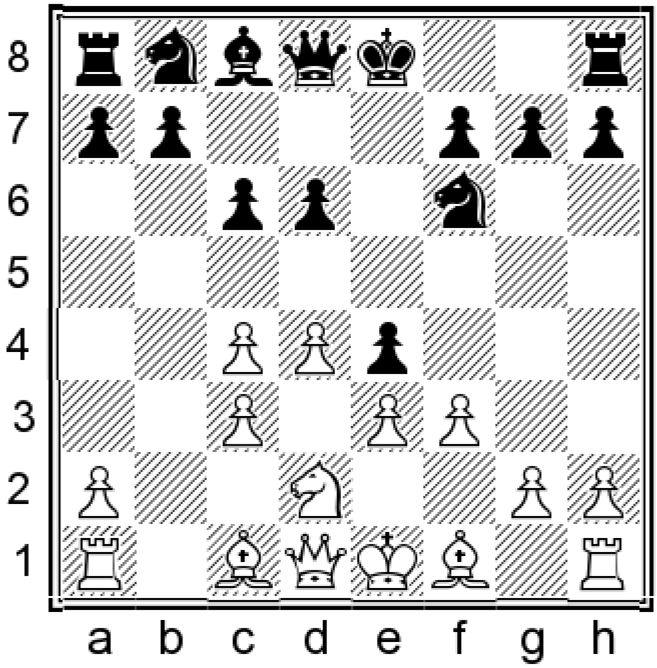
7...e4 8.♘d2 ♗xc3

8...♘f6N 9.♗e2 (9.♕c2N ♕e7 10.a3 ♗xc3 11.♕xc3 a5 12.b3 O-O 13.♗b2 ♖e8 14.h3 d5 15.a4 b6 16.♗a3 ♕d8 17.♗e2 ♗a6 18.♘f1 ♘bd7 19.♘g3 g6 20.O-O± Nakamura,H (2789) -Adhiban,B (2671) Baku (ol) 130/(9) 2016) 9...♕e7 10.♕c2 O-O 11.a3 ♗xc3 12.♕xc3 c5 13.h3 a5 14.b3 ♘c6 15.d5 (15.dxc5!?) 15...♘e5 16.a4 ♗f5 17.♗b2 ♗g6 18.O-O-O b5?! (18...♖fe8 19.g4↑) 19.axb5 a4 20.bxa4 ♖xa4 21.♔c2 ♘d3 22.♗xd3 (22.♖a1!±) 22...exd3+ 23.♔c1 ♖fa8→ Draskovic,L (2448) -Zhu,C (2418) Baku (ol) 130/(9) 2016

9.bxc3 ♘f6N

9...♕e7

10.f3



10...exf3?!

10...♗f5! 11.f4∞ (11.g4? ♘xg4∓)

11.♕xf3 O-O 12.h3

12.♗d3 ♗g4 13.♕f4 ♗h5 14.O-O ♖e8 15.e4 ♗g6∞

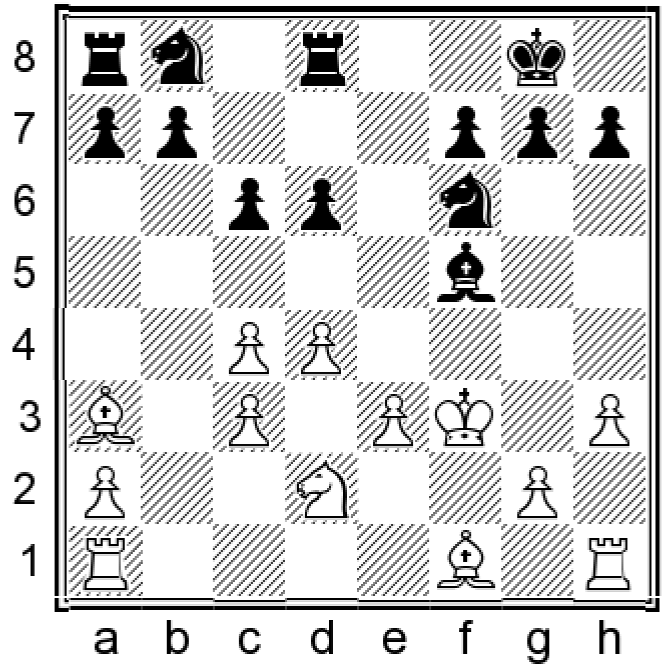
12...♕a5 13.♗b2 ♕f5! 14.♗a3

14.e4 ♘xe4! (14...♕xf3 15.gxf3±) 15.♘xe4 ♖e8 16.♗d3 ♕xf3 17.gxf3 f5 18.♔d2 fxe4 19.fxe4 ♘d7∞

14...♖e8 15.♕xf5 ♗xf5 16.♔f2 ♖d8

16...d5 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.c4±16...♖e6!? 17.♗e2 (17.d5 ♖e8! (17...cxd5? 18.cxd5 ♘xd5 19.g4 ♗g6 20.♗g2±) 18.♗xd6 cxd5 19.cxd5 ♘xd5∓) 17...♘bd7 18.♗f3 d5 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.c4 dxc4 21.♖hc1 ♘b6∞

17.♔f3



17.♗e2 ♘e4+ 18.♘xe4 ♗xe4 19.♗f3 ♗xf3 20.gxf3=

17...c5! 18.g4 ♗g6 19.♗g2

19.g5 ♘fd7 20.h4 ♗h5+ 21.♔f4 ♘c6 22.♘e4 ♘f8∞

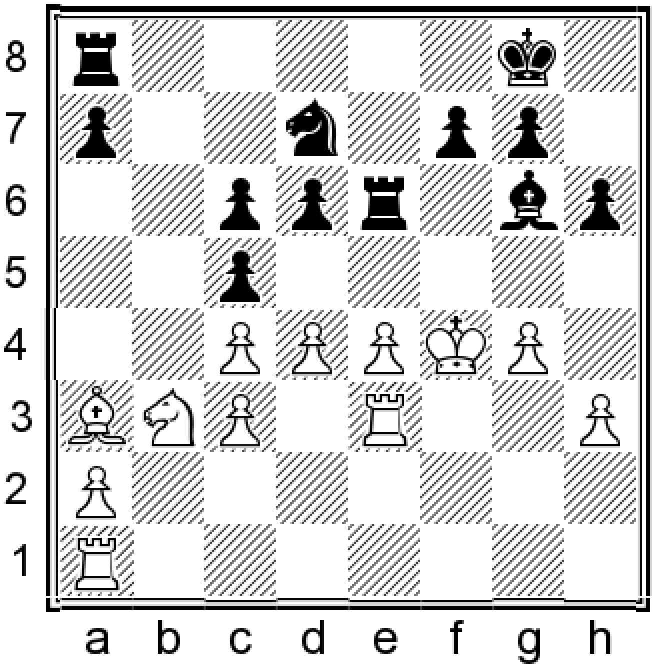
19...h6 20.♔f4 ♘c6! 21.♗xc6 bxc6 22.e4 ♘d7

22...♖ab8 23.♖ad1?! (23.♖ab1 ♖b6 24.♖xb6 (24.♖b3 ♖a6!) 24...axb6∓) 23...♖b6 Δ ♖a6?↑

23.♘b3 ♖e8 24.♖he1 ♖e6

24...a5 25.dxc5 a4 26.♘d4 dxc5 27.♘xc6 ♖a6 28.♖ad1 ♖xc6 29.♖xd7 ♖f6+ 30.♔g3 ♖xe4 31.♖xe4 ♗xe4 32.♗xc5 ♖f3+ 33.♔h2 ♖xc3 34.♖d4=

25.♖e3



25.dxc5!? ♘e5 (25...dxc5 26.♘xc5 ♖f6+ 27.♔g3 ♘e5 28.♖f1 ♖xf1 29.♖xf1 ♘xc4 30.♗c1=) 26.cxd6 ♘xc4 27.♗c5 ♘xd6 28.♗xd6 ♖xd6 29.♖ad1=

25...♖ae8

25...a5! 26.dxc5 ♘e5 27.♘d2 (27.cxd6? ♘xc4 28.♗c5 ♖f6+ 29.♔g3 ♘xe3 30.♗xe3 ♖xd6∓) 27...dxc5 28.♗xc5 ♖d8 29.♗d4 c5 30.♗xe5 ♖xd2∓

26.♖ae1 ♖f6+ 27.♔g3 ♖fe6 28.♔f4 ♖f6+ 29.♔g3 ♖fe6 1/2-1/2

10.* A21
Caruana, Fabiano (2823) - Anand, Viswanathan (2779)
London 130/10, 2016

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♗b4 3.♘d5 ♗c5 4.♘f3 c6 5.♘c3 d6 6.g3 ♘f6 7.♗g2

7.d37.d4N exd4 8.♘xd4 d5 9.cxd5 ♘xd5 10.♘b3 ♗b4 11.♗d2 ♘xc3 12.♗xc3 ♗xc3+ 13.bxc3 a5= Mousavi,S (2422) - Artemiev,V (2665) Bhubaneswar 130/(10) 2016

7...O-O 8.O-O ♖e8N

8...h6

9.d3 h6 10.♘a4 ♗b4 11.a3 ♗a5 12.b4 ♗c7 13.e4 ♗g4 14.h3 ♗xf3 15.♕xf3 ♘bd7 16.♕d1 a6 17.♘c3

17.♗b2 b5 18.♘c3 ♗b6=

17...♗b6 18.♘e2 a5 19.♗b2 ♕e7 20.♔h2

20.d4 exd4 (20...h5!?) 21.♘xd4 ♗xd4 22.♕xd4 ♕e5=

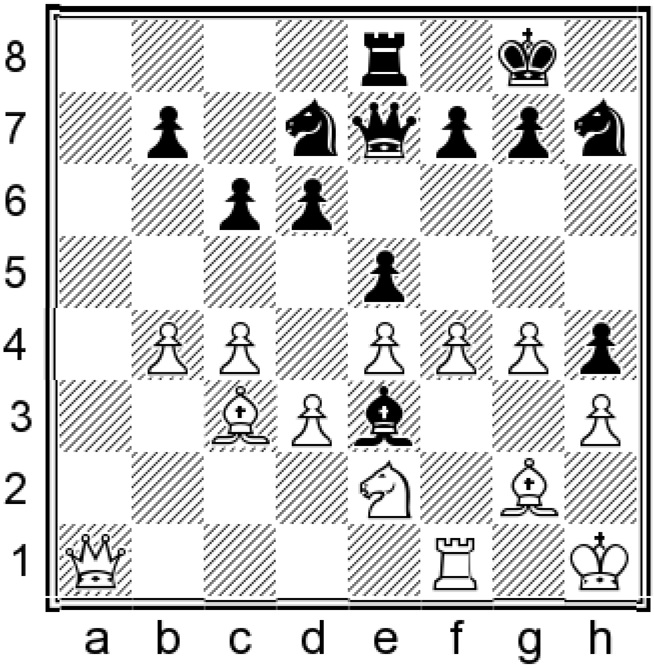
20...axb4 21.axb4 ♖xa1 22.♕xa1 h5!? 23.♔h1

23.h4?! ♘g4+ 24.♔g1 ♕f6 25.d4 exd4 26.♗xd4 ♗xd4 27.♕xd4 ♕xd4 (27...♖a8!?∓) 28.♘xd4 ♘de5∓

23...h4 24.g4 ♘h7 25.f4

25.d4 ♘g5

25...♗e3 26.♗c3



26.♕e1 exf4 27.♘xf4 ♗xf4 28.♖xf4 ♘e5 29.♕c3 c5∞

26...c5?!

26...exf4! 27.♘xf4 (27.♗xg7? ♘e5 28.♗h6 f3! 29.♗xe3 fxg2+ 30.♔xg2 ♘xd3∓) 27...♘e5 28.♕b1 ♘g5 Δ ♖a8↑

27.bxc5 ♘xc5 28.♕b1 ♖a8 29.d4 exd4 30.♘xd4 ♗xd4 31.♗xd4 ♖c8

31...♘f8 32.e5 dxe5 33.♗xe5 ♘fd7∞

32.♗a1

32.e5! dxe5 33.♗xe5±

32...♘f6 33.e5 dxe5 34.♗xe5 ♘fd7 35.♗c3

35.♗a1 ♖e8 36.♕b2 ♘f6=

35...♕e3

35...♖e8? 36.♖e1±

36.♗a1

36.♗e1 ♕d4 37.♗xh4 ♕xc4∞

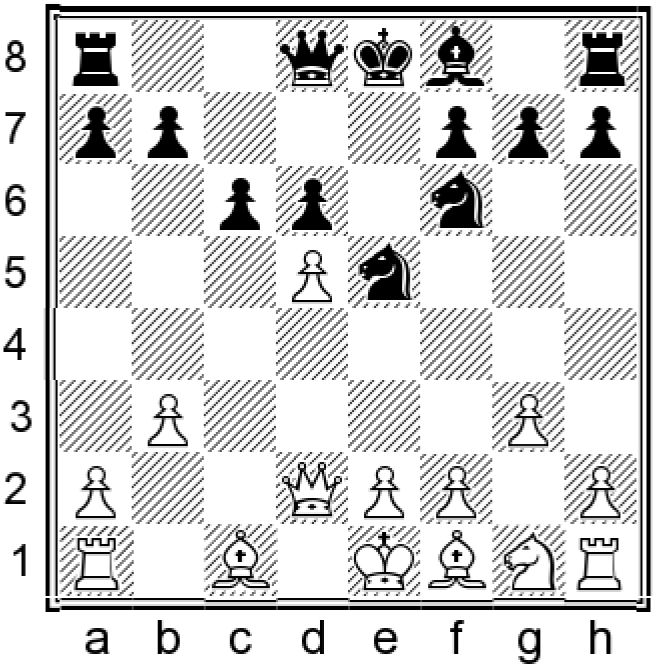
36...♖e8 37.♕b2 ♘f6 38.♕d4 b6 39.♕xe3 ♖xe3 40.♗d4 ♖d3 41.♗f2 ♖c3 42.♗xh4 1/2-1/2

11. A21
David, Alexandru Vasile (2390) - Moldovan, Daniel (2426)
Mangalia 130/11, 2016

1.d4 d6 2.c4 e5 3.♘c3 exd4 4.♕xd4 ♘c6 5.♕d2 ♘f6 6.g3!? ♗e6 7.♘d5 ♘e5 8.b3 ♗xd5!?N

8...♘e4 - 39/33

9.cxd5 c6



9...♗e7 10.♗g2 a5 (10...O-O 11.♘h3±) 11.♗b2 a4 12.♘f3±9...g6 10.♗g2 ♗g7 11.♗b2 O-O 12.♘h3±9...c5!? 10.♗g2 ♗e7 11.♘h3 O-O 12.O-O ♘fd7 13.e4 ♗f6 14.♖b1 c4!? 15.♕e2 b5 16.♗e3 ♕c7 17.f4 ♘d3 18.♘f2 ♘xf2 19.♗xf2 ♖ab8 20.bxc4 bxc4 21.♖xb8 ♖xb8 22.♖c1 c3 23.♕a6 ♘f8!∞

10.dxc6

10.♗g2! ♗e7 (10...cxd5 11.♘h3 ♘g6 12.♗b2 ♗e7 13.O-O ♕d7 14.f4!↑ Δ ♘f2, ♖ad1) (10...♘xd5 11.♗xd5 cxd5 12.♗b2 ♕b6 13.♖c1 ♗e7 (13...a5 14.♕xd5 ♗e7 15.♘f3±) 14.f4! ♘g4 15.♗d4 ♕b5 16.♗xg7 ♖g8 17.♗d4 ♗d8 18.♔f1±) 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.♗b2 O-O 13.♘h3±

10...♘xc6⇄ 11.♗a3?!

11.♘h3?! d5! 12.♕e3+ ♘e4 13.♗g2 ♗b4+ 14.♔f1 ♗c5 15.♕f4 ♗d4 16.♖b1 ♘c3 17.♖b2 O-O 18.♖c2 ♖e8∓, 11.♗g2 d5 12.♔f1 (12.♕e3+ ♗e7 13.♘f3 ♘e4 14.♗b2 ♗b4+ 15.♔f1 O-O 16.♘d4 ♖e8⇄) 12...♘e4 13.♕c2 ♕f6 14.♗xe4 ♕xa1 15.♗xd5 ♘b4 16.♕c4 ♘xd5 17.♕b5+ ♔e7 18.♕xb7+ ♔d6 19.♕xa8 ♕xc1+ 20.♔g2 ♕c6 21.♕d8+ ♕d7 (21...♔e6? 22.♘f3 ♘f6 23.e4+-) 22.♕a5=∞

11...d5

11...♘e4! 12.♕d5 (12.♕e3 d5-+) 12...♘xf2! 13.♔xf2 ♕f6+ 14.♘f3 ♕xa1 15.♗g2 ♕f6 16.♖c1 ♕e6 17.♕b5 ♕d7∓

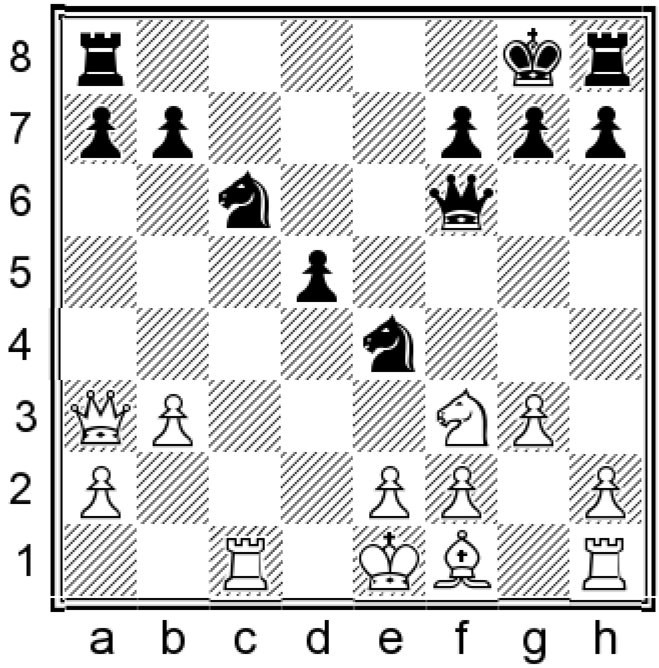
12.♗xf8 ♘e4 13.♕b2□ ♔xf8 14.♕a3+?

14.♘f3 ♕b6 15.e3 ♕a5+ 16.♘d2 h5!? (16...♖e8 17.♗e2 ♘c3 (17...d4 18.b4!=) 18.♗f3 h5 19.h4 ♘e5 20.O-O ♖h6 21.b4 ♕c7 22.♔g2 ♘d3 23.♕b3 ♕e5∞) 17.♗g2 ♖e8 18.♖d1! (18.♗xe4 dxe4 19.O-O h4∓) (18.a3 h4 19.b4 ♕b5 20.a4 ♕xb4 21.♕xb4+ ♘xb4 22.♗xe4 dxe4 23.♔e2 f5 24.♖ab1 a5 25.g4 fxg4 26.♖hg1 g3 27.hxg3 h3∓) 18...h4 (18...♘c3 19.♖c1 d4 20.♘c4! ♕xa2 21.♕xa2 ♘xa2 22.♗xc6 ♘xc1 23.♗xe8 ♔xe8 24.♔d2 ♘xb3+ 25.♔c2 ♘c5 26.exd4 ♘e6 27.♔d3 ♔e7 28.♖b1 ♖b8 29.♘e5 ♘d8 30.♖e1=) 19.O-O hxg3 20.fxg3! ♘c3 21.♖de1 ♖h6 (21...♘e5 22.♕c2 ♖h6 23.♘f3=) 22.♖f4∞

14...♔g8∓ 15.♘f3

15.f3 ♘c3 16.♕c1 (16.♘h3 ♕f6 17.♕c1 ♘b4-+) 16...d4 17.♔f2 h5 18.h4 ♘b4 19.♘h3 ♖c8 20.♕f4 (20.♕d2 d3-+) 20...♖h6-+ Δ ♖f6

15...♕f6 16.♖c1



16...g5! 17.g4

17.h3 ♘d4 18.♗g2 ♔g7-+

17...♖e8

17...h5 18.gxh5 ♘d4-+

18.♗g2 h5 19.h3 hxg4 20.hxg4 ♖xh1+ 21.♗xh1 ♕e6-+ 22.♕b2 ♕xg4 23.e3 d4 24.♔f1 ♕h5 25.♔g1 dxe3 26.fxe3 g4 27.♕g2 ♔f8 28.♘d2 ♘g5 29.♕g3 ♘h3+ 30.♔h2 ♘f4+ 0-1

12. A28
Danchevski, Orce (2357) - Morozevich, Alexander (2683)
Novi Sad 130/12, 2016

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.d4 exd4 5.♘xd4 ♗b4 6.♘xc6

6.♗g5 - 100/11 6.g3 - 103/13

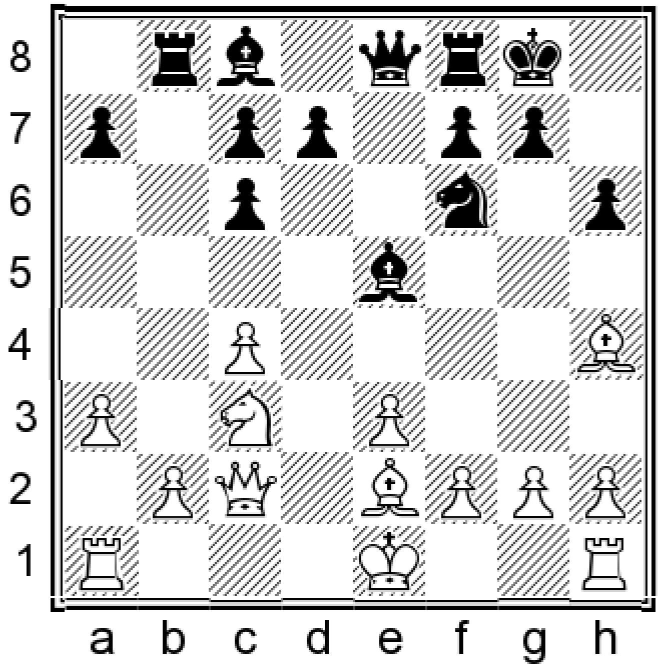
6...bxc6 7.♗d2 O-O 8.a3 ♗d6 9.♗g5N

9.g3

9...h6 10.♗h4 ♗e5 11.♕c2 ♖b8 12.e3 ♕e8!?

12...♖e8 13.♗d3 d5 14.O-O-O (14.O-O? ♗xh2+! 15.♔xh2 ♘g4+ 16.♔g3 g5-+) 14...♕e7∓

13.♗e2?!



13.♗d3∞

13...♘e4! 14.♘xe4 ♖xb2 15.♕d3 f5?

15...♖xe2+! 16.♔xe2 ♗xa1 17.♖xa1 ♕e5 18.♘f6+ (18.♖d1 ♕h5+∓) (18.♗f6 gxf6 19.♕d4 ♔g7 20.♖b1 d6∓) 18...gxf6 19.♕d4 d6∓

16.♘c3?

16.♘d2! g5 17.♗g3 f4 18.exf4 gxf4 19.♗h4±

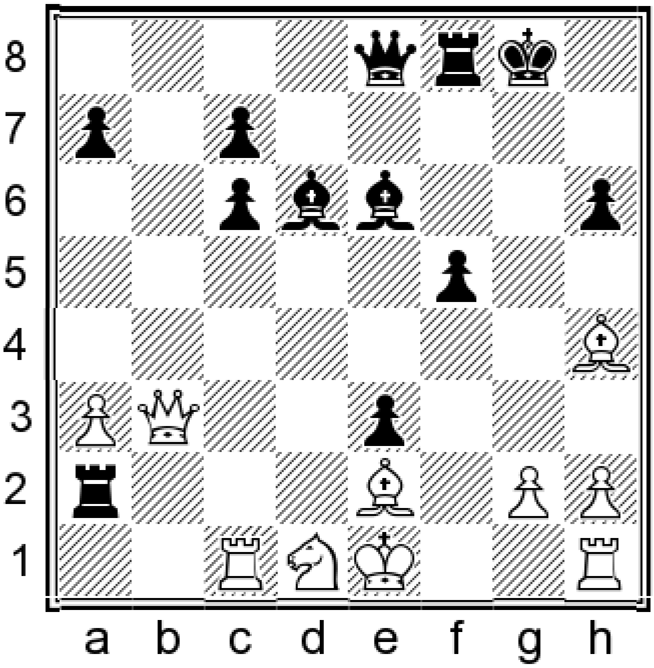
16...g5!?

16...♖xe2+! 17.♘xe2 (17.♔xe2 ♕h5+ 18.f3 ♕xh4∓) 17...♗xa1 18.O-O ♗e5 19.c5 d6∓

17.f4 gxf4 18.♖c1 fxe3 19.♘d1 ♖a2 20.c5

20.♖c2 ♖xc2 21.♕xc2 f4 22.O-O d6↑

20...d5 21.cxd6 ♗xd6 22.♕b3+ ♗e6



23.♗c4?!⊕

23.♕xe3! ♗xa3 24.♖c3 f4 25.♕d3 ♗f5 (25...♗b4? 26.O-O!±) 26.♕c4+ ♗e6 27.♕d3=

23...♗xc4 24.♕xc4+ ♕f7 25.♕xf7+ ♖xf7?

25...♔xf7! 26.♘xe3 ♖e8 27.♗f2 ♗xa3∓

26.♘c3?

26.♘xe3 ♗e7 27.♗f2 ♗xa3 28.♖c4! ♖a1+ 29.♘d1 ♖e7+ 30.♔d2 ♖a2+ 31.♔d3±

26...♖xg2∓ 27.♔f1 ♖b2 28.♖b1

28.♘a4 ♖d2 29.♗e1 ♖d4 30.♘b2 f4∓

28...♖c2 29.♘e2 c5 30.♗e1?

30.♖c1 ♖b2 31.♖g1+ ♔h7 32.♖g2 f4 33.♘g1 ♖b3∓

30...f4-+ 31.♖b8+ ♔h7 32.♗c3 f3 33.♖h8+ ♔g6 34.♖g1+ ♔h5 0-1

13.* A29
Kosten, Anthony C (2461) - Lalic, Bogdan (2443)
Kilkenny 130/13, 2016

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.g3 ♗b4 5.♘d5

5.♗g2 O-O 6.O-O e4 (6...♖e8) 7.♘g5 (7.♘e1)

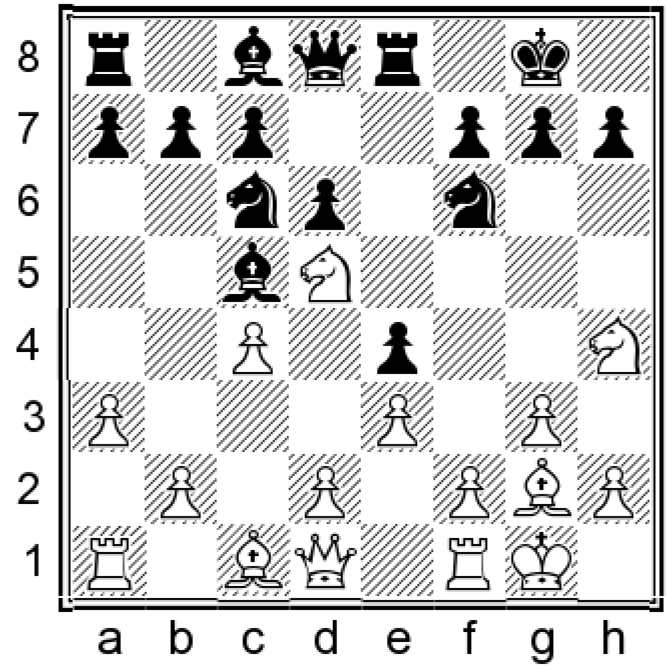
5...e4 6.♘h4 O-O 7.♗g2 d6 8.a3

8.♘xb4 ♘xb4 9.a3 ♘c6 10.d3 ♖e8 (10...d5 - 128/12) 11.O-O h6 12.dxe4 ♘xe4 13.♗e3 a5 14.♕d3 ♕e7 15.b3N (15.♖ad1) 15...♘g5 16.♘f3 ♘e5 (16...♘e4=) 17.♘xe5 ♕xe5 18.♖fe1 ♗f5 19.♕d4 ♕xd4 20.♗xd4 ♗e4= Solodovnichenko,Y (2325) -Libiszewski,F (2543) Deutschland 130/(13) 2016

8...♗c5

8...♗a5!?

9.O-O ♖e8 10.e3



10...♗b6!?N

10...g5?! 11.b4 ♗b6?! 12.♗b2 ♘xd5 13.cxd5 ♘e5 (13...♘d4 - 128/11) 14.f4!± ♘d3 15.fxg5→ Δ♘xb2? 16.♕h5 ♕e7 17.♗xe4 ♕xe4 18.♕xf7+ ♔h8 19.g6+-

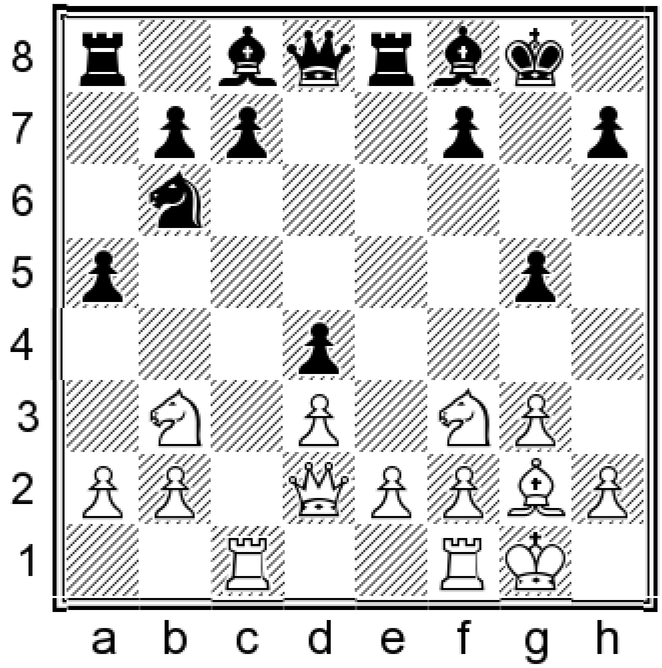
11.f3 ♘xd5 12.cxd5 exf3 13.♘xf3 ♘e5= 14.♘xe5 dxe5 1/2-1/2

14. A29
Granda Zuniga, Julio E (2648) - So, Wesley (2794)
Douglas 130/14, 2016

1.c4 e5 2.♘c3 ♘f6 3.♘f3 ♘c6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 ♘xd5 6.♗g2 ♘b6 7.d3 ♗e7 8.O-O O-O 9.♗e3 ♖e8 10.♖c1 ♗f8 11.♘a4 ♘d4 12.♘c5 a5

12...♘xf3+ - 110/(20)

13.♗xd4 exd4 14.♘b3 g5! 15.♕d2



15.♘fxd4? a4-+15.♘bxd4? g4-+

15...g4!?N

15...a4 16.♘c5 h6 17.e3 dxe3 18.fxe3 ♗g7∞

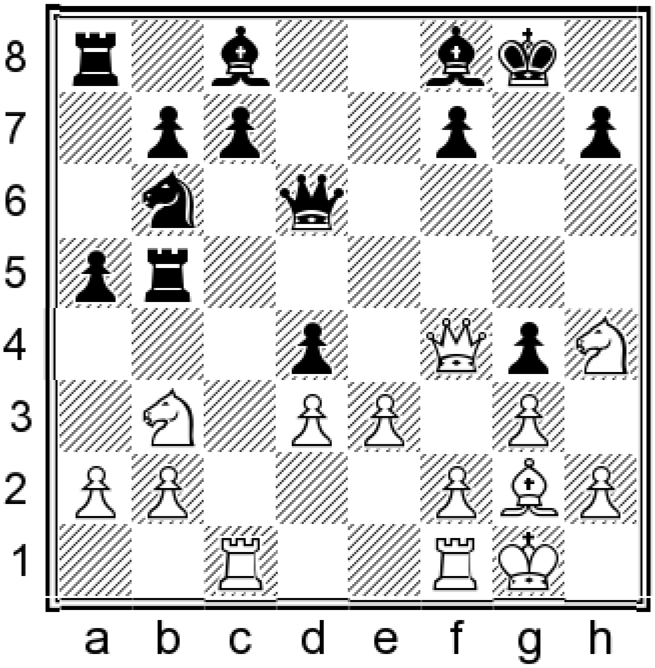
16.♘h4 ♖e5

16...c6!? 17.♘xa5 ♗e7 18.♘xc6 bxc6 19.♗xc6 ♗g5 20.♕c2 ♗d7 21.♗xa8 ♕xa8↑

17.♕f4 ♕d6 18.e3

18.♘xd4? ♗h6-+

18...♖b5



19.♖xc7?

19.♕e4! f5 (19...a4? 20.♘xd4 ♖xb2 21.♘df5+-) (19...c5 20.exd4 cxd4 21.♖c2±) 20.♕xd4 a4 21.♕xd6 cxd6 22.♘d4 ♖xb2 23.a3 d5 24.♖a1±

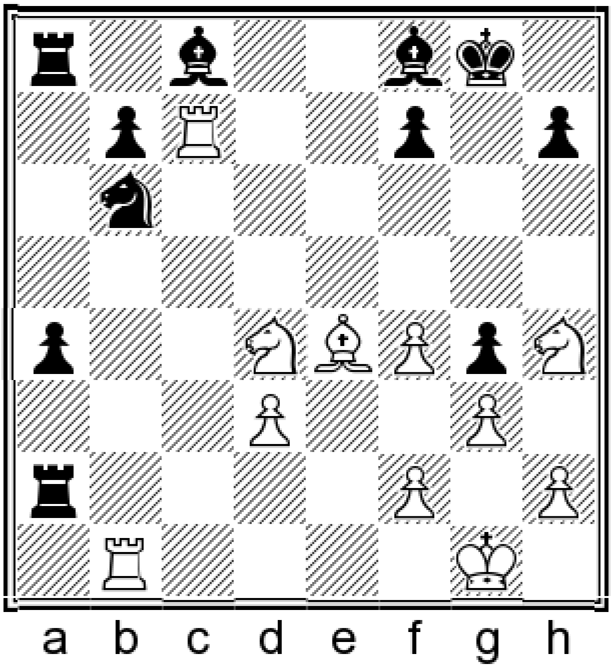
19...♕xf4 20.exf4

20.gxf4 dxe3 21.fxe3 ♖h5∓

20...a4 21.♘xd4 ♖xb2 22.♗e4?

22.♖c2 a3 23.♖fc1 ♖xc2 24.♖xc2 ♖a4 25.♘hf5 ♖b4 26.♗e4 ♖b2 27.♘e3 ♗g7 28.♘b3 ♗e6∓, 22.♖a1! ♖a5 (22...♗g7? 23.♘hf5±) 23.♗xb7 ♖c5! 24.♖xc5 ♗xc5 25.♗xc8 ♗xd4 26.♗xg4 ♖xf2 27.♖e1□ ♖xa2+ 28.♔h1 ♖a1 29.♖xa1 ♗xa1 30.♗d1∞

22...♖xa2 23.♖b1



23...a3! 24.♘c2

24.♖xb6 ♖b2-+24.♘b5 ♖b2 25.♘xa3 ♗xa3 26.♖xb2 ♗xb2-+

24...♗d6 25.♖c3 ♘a4 26.♖c4 ♗e6 27.♘xa3 ♖xa3 28.♖c2 ♘c5 0-1

15. A30
Svidler, Peter (2745) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2808)
Moscow 130/15, 2016

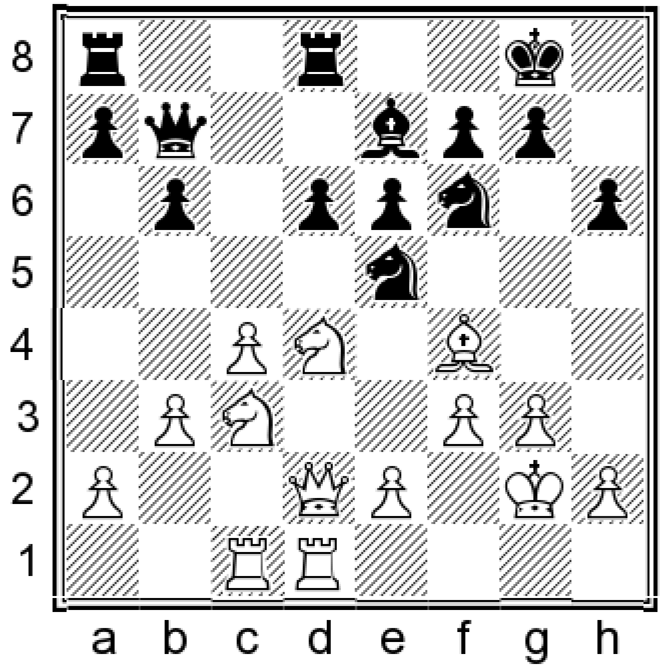
1.c4 e6 2.♘c3 c5 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.g3 b6 5.♗g2 ♗b7 6.O-O ♗e7 7.d4 cxd4 8.♕xd4 O-O 9.♖d1 d6 10.♗g5 ♘c6 11.♕d2 ♕b8 12.♖ac1

12.♗xf6 - 107/(185)

12...♖d8 13.b3 h6 14.♗f4 ♘e5 15.♘d4N

15.h3

15...♗xg2 16.♔xg2 ♕b7+ 17.f3

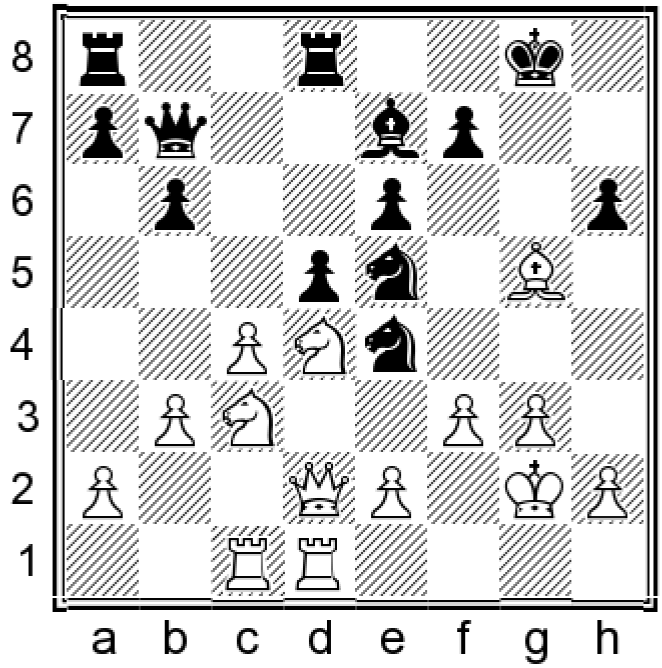


17...g5?!

17...♘g6! 18.♗e3 d5∓

18.♗e3 d5 19.♗xg5! hxg5

19...♘e4!



20.♘xe4 dxe4 21.♗xe7 exf3+ 22.♔h3 (22.exf3 ♘xf3!) 22...♕xe7 23.♕xh6 fxe2 24.♘xe2 ♘d3 25.♖xd3 ♖xd3 26.♘f4 ♖d6 27.♘h5 f5∞

20.♕xg5+ ♘g6 21.♘xe6 ♖d6 22.♘f4 ♘e4 23.♕g4 ♘xc3

23...♘f6 24.♕f5±

24.♖xc3 d4 25.♖cd3 ♖ad8

25...♕c8!?

26.♘d5 ♗f8 27.♖xd4 ♗g7 28.♖4d2!?

28.♘f6+ ♗xf6 29.♖xd6 ♖xd6 30.♖xd6 ♕e7 31.♖d2 ♕e3 32.♖c2 ♗d4 33.♕e4 ♕g1+ 34.♔h3 ♕f1+ 35.♔g4 ♘e5+ 36.♔g5!±

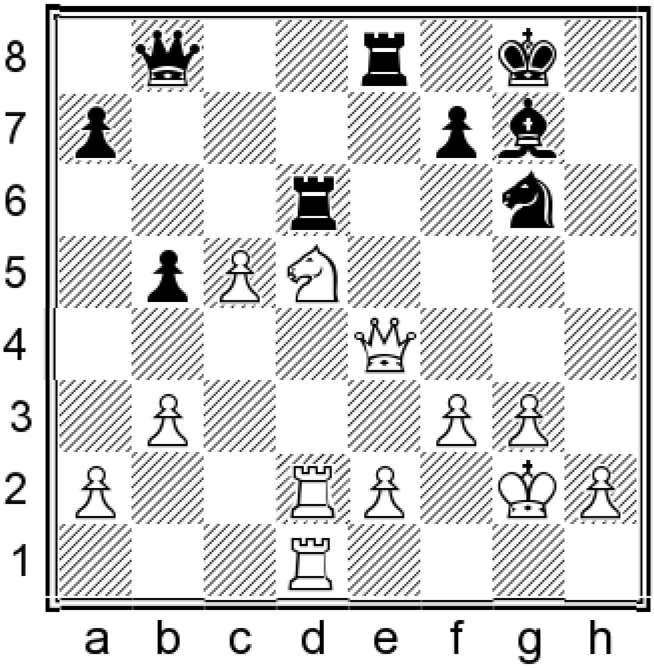
28...b5

28...♔f8

29.♕e4 ♕b8

29...bxc4 30.♘f6+ ♗xf6 31.♖xd6 ♖xd6 32.♕xb7 ♖xd1 33.bxc4 ♖d2 34.♕xa7 ♖xe2+ 35.♔h3+-

30.c5 ♖e8



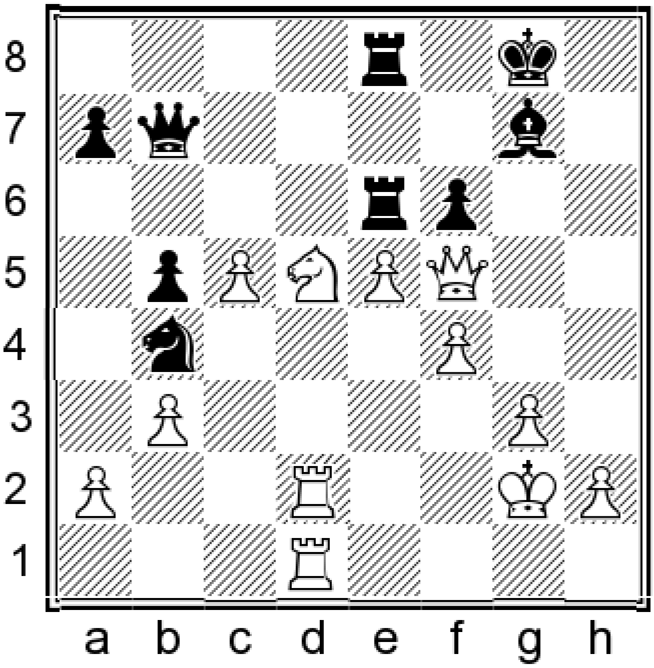
31.♕g4

31.♕xe8+! ♕xe8 32.cxd6 ♕d7 33.♘c7!+- (33.♘e3!+-)

31...♖de6 32.e4 ♕c8 33.♖c2 ♘e5 34.♕f5 ♕b7 35.f4

35.h4!±

35...♘c6 36.e5 ♘b4 37.♖cd2 f6



37...♖d8 38.♕e4±

38.♕e4?

38.♔h3! ♘xd5 39.♖xd5 fxe5 (39...♕f7 40.♖d7 ♕f8 41.exf6 ♕xf6 42.♕xf6 ♖xf6 43.♖xa7+-) 40.♖d7+-

38...♘xd5 39.♖xd5 fxe5 40.f5 ♖a6 41.♖1d2 ♔h8 42.h4 ♖h6! 43.♔f3 ♖h5 44.♕g4?!

44.♖xe5 ♕xe4+ (44...♖xf5+ 45.♔g4 ♕xe4+ 46.♖xe4 ♖fe5!∞ (46...♖xe4+ 47.♔xf5 ♖e5+ 48.♔g6)) 45.♖xe4 ♖xf5+ 46.♔g4 ♖fe5!∞

44...♖xf5+! 45.♕xf5 ♖f8 46.♕xf8+ ♗xf8 47.b4 ♕f7+

47...♔g7

48.♔g2 e4 49.♖e5! ♕f3+ 50.♔h2 ♕c3 51.♖dd5 e3 52.♖e8 ♔g7 53.♔h3

53.♖de5 ♕xb4∓53.♖d7+ ♔g6 54.♖xf8 e2∓

53...♕e1 54.♖de5 ♕xb4 55.♖g5+ ♔f7 56.♖xe3 ♗xc5 57.♖f3+ ♔e6 58.♖g6+ ♔e7 59.♖g7+ ♔e6 60.♖g6+ ♔d7 61.♖g7+ ♗e7 62.♖e3 a5!

62...♔d8? 63.♖gxe7 ♕xe7 64.♖xe7 ♔xe7 65.♔g4 a5 66.♔f4+-

63.h5

63.♖exe7+ ♕xe7 64.♖xe7+ ♔xe7 65.h5 ♔f6-+

63...♔d8

63...a4 64.h6+-

64.♖g8+

64.h6 ♗f6∓

64...♔d7 65.♖g7 ♔d8 66.♖g8+ 1/2-1/2

16.* A30
Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2740) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2808)
Moscow 130/16, 2016

1.c4 e6 2.♘c3 c5 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.g3 b6 5.♗g2 ♗b7 6.O-O ♗e7 7.d4 cxd4 8.♕xd4 O-O 9.♖d1 d6 10.♗g5 ♘c6 11.♕f4 ♕b8 12.♗xf6

12.♘b5 - 122/8

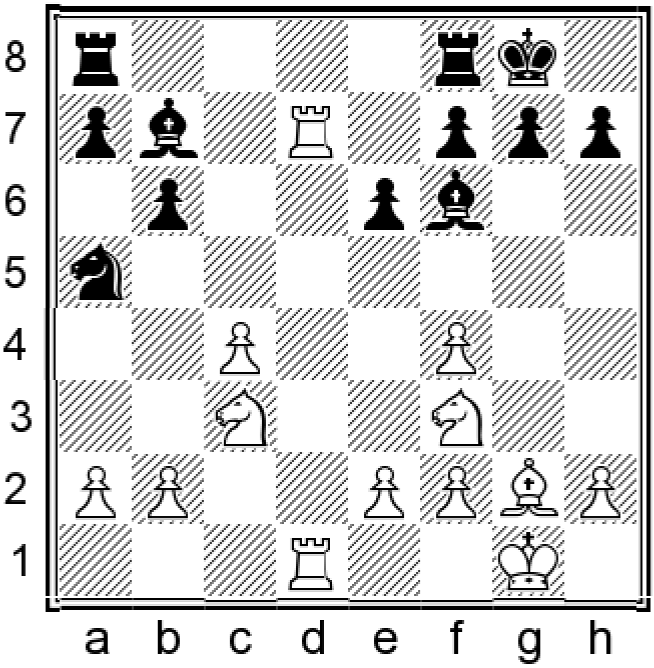
12...♗xf6 13.♖xd6 ♘a5

13...♘d4?! 14.♘xd4 ♗xg2 15.♘db5±

14.♖ad1 ♕c7N

14...♖c8

15.♖d7 ♕xf4 16.gxf4



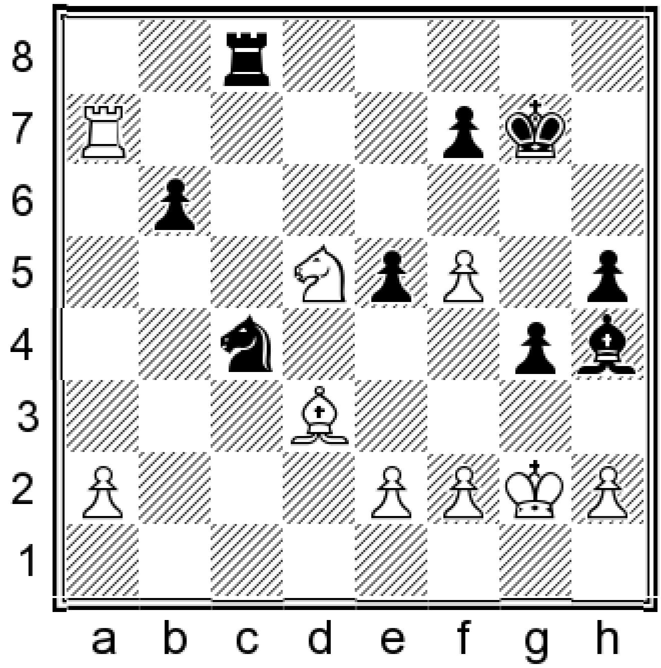
16...♗c6

16...♖ac8 17.♘d4 ♗xg2 18.♔xg2 ♘xc4 19.b3 ♘b2 (19...♘e3+ 20.fxe3 ♖xc3 21.♔f2±) 20.♖c1 ♖c5 21.♖c2 ♖fc8 22.♖xb2 ♗xd4 23.♖d2 ♗f6 24.♘e4 ♖5c7 25.a4 (25.f5!? ♗e7 26.fxe6 fxe6=) 25...♔f8 26.♖7d3 ♗e7= Shimanov,A (2639) - Carlsson,P (2436) Atlantic City 130/ (16) 2016

17.♘g5 ♗xd7 18.♗xa8 ♗xc3 19.♖xd7 ♗xb2 20.♗e4 h6 21.♘f3 ♘xc4 22.♖xa7± ♖c8 23.♔g2 ♗f6 24.♗d3 g5 25.f5!?

25.fxg5 hxg5=

25...g4 26.♘e1 e5 27.♘c2 h5 28.♘b4 ♔g7 29.♘d5 ♗h4



29...♘d2!? 30.♘xb6 ♖c1∞

30.h3! ♖c5

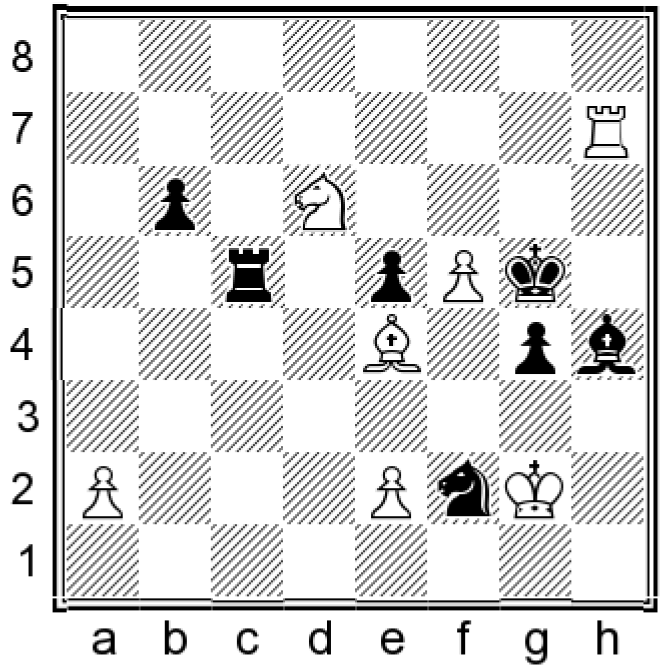
30...gxh3+ 31.♔xh3 ♗g5 (31...♗xf2? 32.f6+ ♔f8 33.♘e7 ♖d8 34.♗xc4! (34.♘f5!) 34...b5 35.♘g6+! fxg6 36.♖f7+ ♔e8 37.♖e7+ ♔f8 38.♖h7!+-) 32.e3!± Δ ♗e2

31.hxg4 hxg4 32.♘c7! ♔h6 33.♘e8 ♘b2 34.♗e4 ♘d1! 35.♘d6 ♔g5 36.♖xf7

36.e3?! ♖a5!=

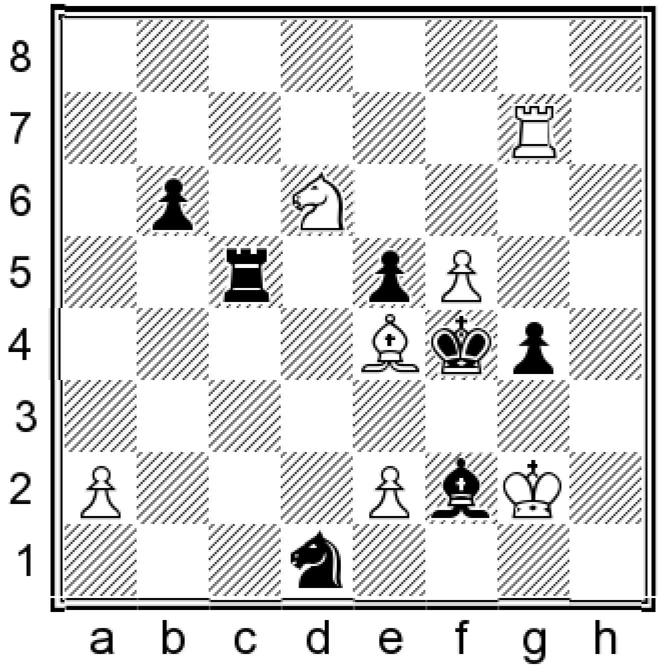
36...♗xf2

36...♘xf2! 37.♖h7



37...♔f4! 38.♖xh4 ♘xe4 39.♘xe4 ♔xe4 40.f6 ♖c8 41.♖xg4+ ♔f5 42.♖b4 ♔xf6 43.♖xb6+ ♔f5=

37.♖g7+ ♔f4



38.e3+!

38.f6? ♗h4 39.f7 ♘e3+ 40.♔h2 ♗g3+-+

38...♔xe3

38...♘xe3+ 39.♔xf2+-38...♗xe3 39.f6+-

39.♖xg4 ♔d2 40.♗f3 ♘e3+ 41.♔xf2 ♘xg4+ 42.♗xg4 ♖d5 43.♘e4+ ♔d3 44.f6 ♖a5

44...♔xe4 45.♗f3+ ♔f5 46.♗xd5 ♔xf6+-

45.♗e2+ ♔d4

45...♔xe4 46.f7 ♖a8 47.♗f3+

46.f7 ♖a8 47.♘g5 1-0

17. A33
Zhou, Weiqi (2635) - Rapport, Richard (2717)
China 130/17, 2016

1.d4 e6 2.c4 c5 3.♘f3 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♘f6 6.a3 ♘xd4 7.♕xd4 b6 8.e4 ♗c5 9.♕d1 ♗b7 10.♗d3 ♕b8

10...O-O - 68/35

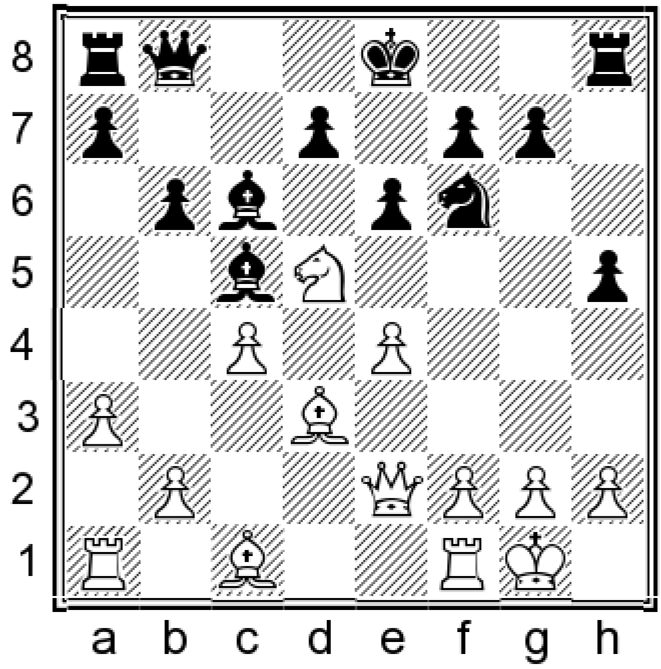
11.♕e2 ♗c6N

11...♕e5

12.O-O

12.e5!? ♘g8 13.f4 f5!?∞ (13...♘e7 14.♘e4 d5 15.exd6 ♗xd6 16.O-O O-O 17.b4±)

12...h5 13.♘d5!?



13...♘g4!

13...♗xd5 14.cxd5±

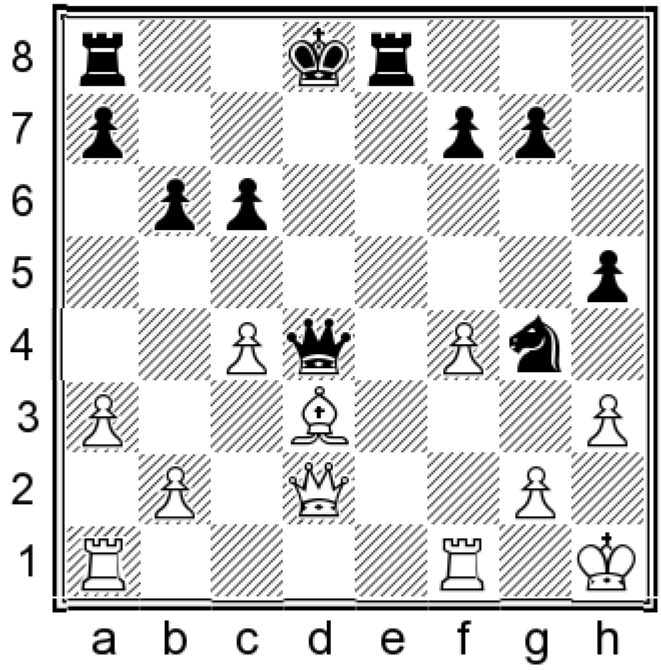
14.♗f4 ♗d6 15.♗xd6 ♕xd6 16.f4?!

16.g3 ♘e5 17.♖ad1 O-O-O⇄

16...exd5! 17.exd5+ ♔d8 18.dxc6 ♖e8 19.♕d2

19.c7+ ♔xc7 20.♕d2 ♖ac8 21.h3 ♕d4+ 22.♔h1 ♔b8!↑

19...dxc6 20.h3 ♕d4+ 21.♔h1



21...♔c7!↑

21...♘e3∓

22.♖ae1?

22.♖f3 ♘e3 23.♖c1 ♖ad8 24.♖c3 c5∓

22...♘e3-+ 23.♖f3

23.♖f2 ♖ad8-+

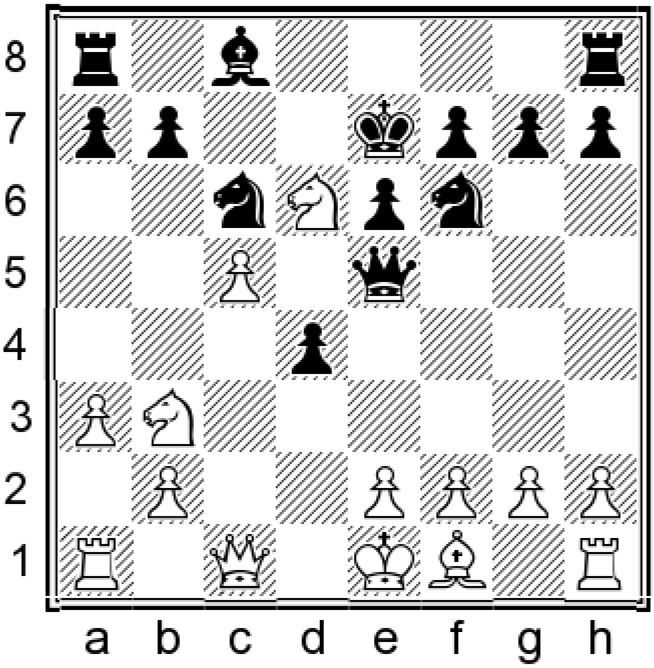
23...♘xc4 24.♕c1 ♘xb2 25.♗f1

25.♗e2 ♖ad8 26.♖b3 ♘a4-+

25...♖xe1 26.♕xe1 ♖d8 27.♕e7+ ♖d7 28.♕g5 ♘d1 29.♕xh5 ♘e3 30.♗e2 ♖e7 31.♕g5 f6 32.♕g6 c5 0-1

18. !N A33
Navara, David (2742) - Kasimdzhanov, Rustam (2696)
Baku (ol) 130/18, 2016

1.c4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘c3 ♘c6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 e6 6.a3 ♗c5 7.♘b3 ♗b6 8.♗f4 d5 9.c5 ♗c7 10.♗xc7 ♕xc7 11.♘b5 ♕e5 12.♘d6+ ♔e7 13.♕c1 d4



14.f4!N

14.e4?! - 129/(20)

14...♕e3 15.♕xe3 dxe3 16.g3 a5 17.♗g2 a4 18.♘c1 ♘d7?!

18...♘d4! 19.O-O ♖d8 20.♖d1 ♘b5 21.♘d3 ♘xd6 22.cxd6+ ♖xd6 23.♘e5 ♖xd1+ (23...♖xd1+ 24.♖xd1 h6 25.♖d3 ♘d7 26.♘c4 ♖b8 27.♘xe3 ♘c5=) 24.♖xd1 ♖a6 25.♖c1 ♗d7 26.♗xb7 ♖b6 27.♗f3 ♖xb2=

19.♘d3 ♘xc5!?

19...♖a5 20.♗xc6 bxc6 21.♖c1 ♗a6 22.♘c4 ♗xc4 23.♖xc4 ♘f6 24.O-O± Δ f5

20.♘xc8+ ♖axc8 21.♘xc5 ♘d4 22.♖c1 b6 23.♘d3 ♖xc1+ 24.♘xc1 ♖c8 25.♘d3 ♖c2 26.♗f3 ♘xf3+

26...♔d6 27.O-O±

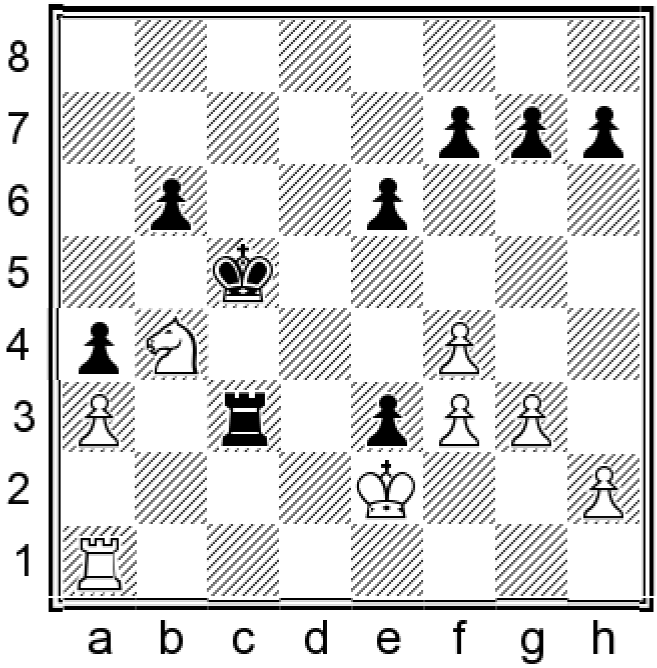
27.exf3 ♖g2 28.♘b4! Δ ♔d1 **28...♖xb2 29.O-O ♖b3?!**

⌓29...b5 30.♖a1 ♔d6 31.♖a2 ♖xa2 32.♘xa2 ♔c5 33.♔f1 ♔c4 34.♘c1 ♔c3 35.♔e2 ♔b2 36.♘d3+ ♔xa3 37.♔xe3 b4 38.♔d2 b3 (38...♔b3 39.♘c5+ ♔a3 40.♘d3=) 39.g4 ♔a2 40.♔c3 ♔a1 41.h3 ♔a2=

30.♖a1 ♔d6

30...♖b2 31.♖a2±

31.♔f1 ♔c5 32.♔e2 ♖c3?



32...b5 33.♘c2±

33.♖c1!+- ♖xc1 34.♘d3+ ♔c4 35.♘xc1 ♔c3 36.♔xe3 ♔b2 37.♔d2 b5 38.♘d3+ ♔xa3 39.♔c3 ♔a2 40.♔c2! ♔a3

40...a3 41.♘b4+ ♔a1 42.♔c1+-

41.g4 b4 42.♘b2 f6 43.f5 1-0

19.* A35
Tadic, Branko (2464) - Pap, Misa (2493)
Srbija 130/19, 2016

1.♘f3 c5 2.c4 ♘c6 3.♘c3 g6 4.e3 ♘f6 5.d4 cxd4 6.exd4 d5 7.cxd5 ♘xd5 8.♕b3 ♘xc3 9.♗c4 ♘d5 10.♗xd5 e6 11.♗xc6+ bxc6 12.O-O f6

12...♗e7 - 117/14

13.♗e3 ♕d5 14.♖fc1 ♗e7

14...♗d6 15.♘e1!?N (15.♘d2) 15...♔f7 16.♘d3 ♗a6 17.♕c2 ♖hd8 18.♘c5 ♗xc5 19.♕xc5 ♕xc5 20.♖xc5 ♗b7 21.♖ac1 ♖d5 22.♖xd5 exd5 23.♖c3 ♔e6 24.♖a3 ♔d7 25.♗d2 a6 26.♖b3 ♗c8 27.♖h3 h5 28.♖g3 ♖b8 29.b3 g5 30.h4 (30.♖h3 h4

31.f4 ♔d6 32.♖c3 g4 33.♗e1±) 30...g4 31.♖e3 ♗b7 32.f3 gxf3 33.♖xf3 ♔e6= Sokolov,I (2642)-Darini,P (2524) Bandar-e Anzali 130/(19) 2016

15.♘d2 ♗d7 16.f3 ♔f7 17.♕c2 ♖ab8 18.♘e4 ♖hd8 19.♕f2 ♔g7N

19...h5 20.h4 ♗e8 21.b3 ♖b4 22.♖c2 Δ ♖ac1, ♕g3↑

20.b3 ♗e8 21.♖c4 ♖b4

21...g5 22.♖ac1 h6 23.♖a4↑

22.♖xb4 ♗xb4 23.♖c1 a5 24.♕g3 ♖c8?!

24...♗d6! 25.♘xd6 (25.♕e1 ♗b4 26.♕h4±) 25...♕xd6 26.♕xd6 ♖xd6 27.♖c4± ×a5

25.h4! ♗e7 26.♖c4 h6

26...♗f7 27.♕f4 ♕d8 28.♕h6+ ♔g8 29.♗f2±

27.♗f4 ♖d8 28.♗c7 ♖d7

28...♖a8 29.♗d6±

29.♗b6 ♖b7?!

29...♗f7 30.♖a4 ♕b5 (30...♗b4 31.♕f4 f5 (31...♕f5 32.♕b8 ♕b5 33.a3 ♕e2 (33...♗e7 34.♖xa5 ♕e2 35.♔h2±) 34.♔h2 ♕e1 (34...♕xe4 35.fxe4 ♗d6+ 36.♕xd6 ♖xd6 37.♖xa5±) 35.♕f4 g5! 36.hxg5 (36.♕xf6+ ♔h7 37.axb4 ♕xh4+ 38.♔g1 ♕e1+=) 36...fxg5 37.♕g4↑ (37.♕g3 ♕xg3+ 38.♔xg3±))) 31.♗xa5 c5 32.♗c3±

30.♗c5 ♗xc5 31.♘xc5 ♖b4

31...♖e7 32.♕e1±

32.♕c7+ ♗f7 33.♖xb4 axb4 34.♕d7! ♕f5

34...♕xd7 35.♘xd7+- ×b4

35.♕xc6 e5 36.♕e4 ♕xe4 37.fxe4?!

37.♘xe4! exd4 38.♔f2 f5 39.♘c5 ♔f6 40.♘d3 g5 41.g3 ♔e6 42.hxg5 hxg5 43.♘xb4+-

37...exd4 38.♔f2 f5?⊕

38...g5! 39.g3 ♔g6 (39...♗g6? 40.♔e2+-) 40.♘d3 gxh4 41.gxh4 f5 42.exf5+ (42.e5 f4 43.♘xf4+ ♔f5 44.♘d3) 42...♔xf5 43.♘xb4 ♔e5 44.♘d3+ ♔d6 45.♔e2 ♗h5+ 46.♔d2 ♗f7±

39.exf5 gxf5 40.♘d3+- ♔f6 41.♘xb4 ♔e5 42.♘d3+ ♔e4 43.♔e2 ♗h5+ 44.♔d2 f4 45.a4 f3 46.gxf3+ ♗xf3 47.b4 ♔d5 48.b5 ♔d6

48...♗h1 49.♘f2 ♗f3 50.♔d3 ♔c5 51.♘e4+ ♔d5 52.♘g3 ♔c5 53.♘e2+-

49.a5 ♗h1 50.b6 ♔c6 51.♘e5+ ♔b5

51...♔b7 52.♔d3+-

52.♘c4! ♗d5

52...♔xc4? 53.a6+-

53.b7

53.♔d3!? ♗xc4+ 54.♔xd4+-

53...♗xb7 54.♘d6+ ♔a6 55.♘xb7 ♔xb7 56.♔d3 ♔a6 57.♔xd4 ♔xa5 58.♔e5 ♔b5 59.♔f6 1-0

20. A37
Adams, Michael (2744) - Lalic, Bogdan (2443)
Kilkenny 130/20, 2016

1.c4 c5 2.♘c3 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 ♘c6 5.♘f3 e6 6.d3

6.d4!?

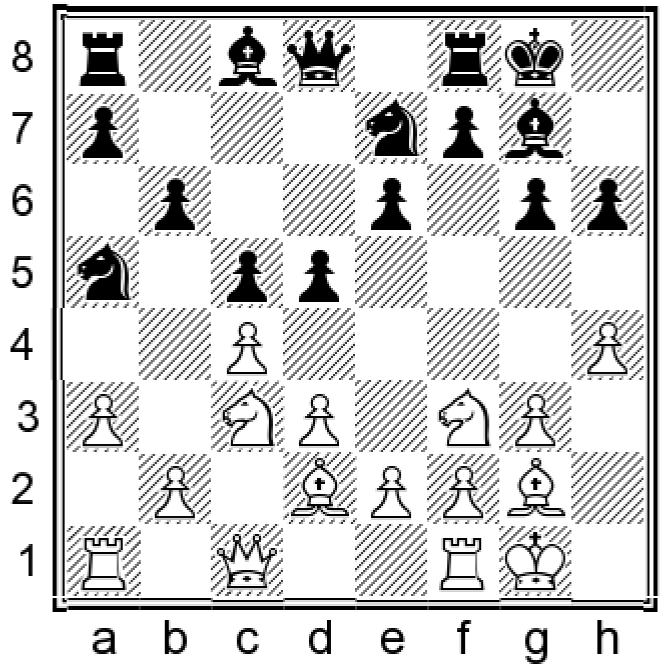
6...♘ge7 7.h4 h6 8.♗d2 d5

8...b6 - 112/(22)

9.a3 b6 10.O-O O-O 11.♕c1N

11.♖b1

11...♘a5



12.♕c2?!

12.♗xh6!? ♘b3 13.♕f4 ♘xa1 14.♗xg7 ♔xg7 15.♖xa1=∞

12...dxc4 13.dxc4 ♘xc4 14.♗f4 ♗b7 15.♘b5

15.♖fd1 ♕e8 16.b3 ♘a5 17.♖ac1 ♖c8∓

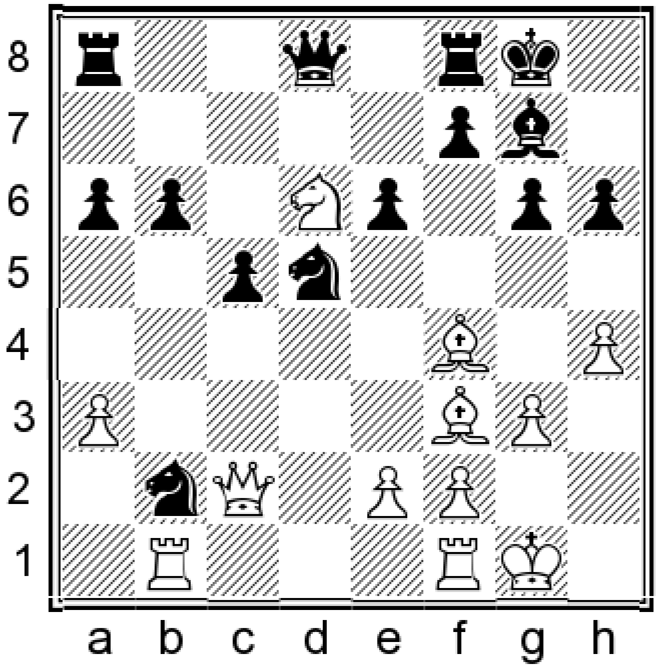
15...♘xb2?!

⌓15...a6 16.♘c7 e5! 17.♘xa8 exf4 18.♕xc4 fxg3 19.♘xb6 ♕xb6 20.e4 a5!∓ Δ ♗a6

16.♖ab1 a6 17.♘d6 ♗xf3□

17...♗c6? 18.♖xb2 e5 19.♘xe5 ♗xg2 20.♘dxf7 ♖xf7 21.♘xf7 ♔xf7 22.♔xg2 ♗xb2 23.♕xb2±

18.♗xf3 ♘d5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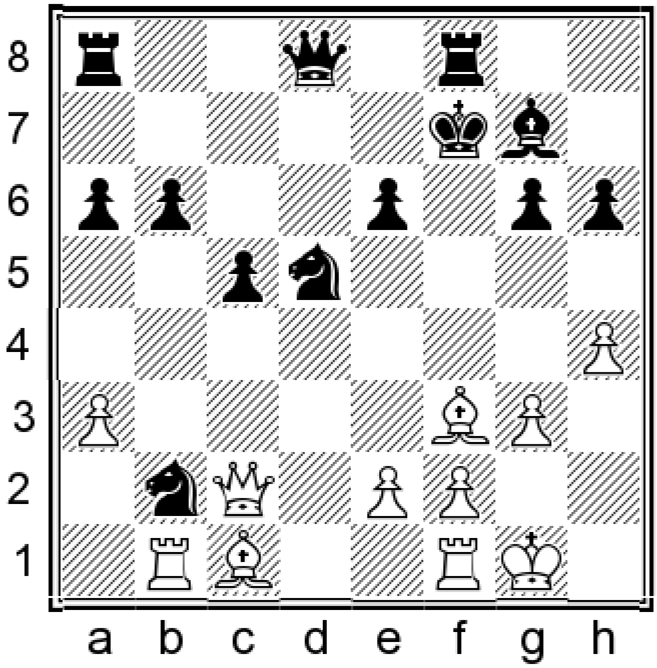
19.♘xf7?!

19.♗xd5 exd5 20.♖xb2 g5 21.hxg5 hxg5 22.♖d1! (22.♔g2? gxf4 23.♖h1 f5 24.♘xf5 ♗xb2 25.♕xb2 ♕f6∓) 22...gxf4 23.♖xd5 ♖e8 24.♕f5 ♕f6 25.♖xb6 ♖xe2 26.gxf4=

19...♔xf7

19...♖xf7 20.♗c1 ♘a4!? 21.♕xa4 ♘c3 22.♕c2 ♘xb1 23.♕xb1 ♖c8 24.♕xg6 ♕f6 25.♕e4 b5∓

20.♗c1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20...b5?!

⌓20...♘a4! 21.♕xa4 ♘c3 22.♕c2 ♘xb1 23.♕xb1 ♖a7 24.♗e4 ♖d7 25.♗xg6+ ♔g8∓

21.♗xb2 ♗xb2 22.♖xb2 ♕f6 23.a4 ♖ab8 24.axb5 axb5

24...♘b4? 25.♖xb4! cxb4 26.bxa6 b3 27.♕d2 b2 28.♖b1±

25.♗xd5 exd5 26.♖fb1 ♕c6 27.h5 ♔g7

27...c4 28.♖xb5 ♖xb5 29.♕xg6+ ♕xg6 30.hxg6+ ♔xg6 31.♖xb5 ♖d8 32.♔f1 d4 33.♖c5 c3 34.♔e1 ♖a8 35.e3=

28.hxg6 d4 29.♕d3 ♕xg6?!

⌓29...♕f6 30.e3 ♕f3!↑

30.♖xb5 ♕xd3 31.exd3 ♖xb5 32.♖xb5 ♖f3 33.♖xc5

33.♖b3 ♖f6 34.♔g2 ♖c6 35.♔f3 ♖f6+ 36.♔e2 ♖e6+ 37.♔d2 ♖f6 38.♖b7+ ♔g6 39.♔e2 h5 40.♖c7 ♖f5=

33...♖xd3 34.♖d5 ♖d2 35.♔g2 d3 36.♔f3 ♔f6 37.g4 ♖d1 38.♔e3 ♖e1+ 39.♔f4 ♖e2 40.♔f3 ♖d2 41.♖f5+ ♔g6 42.♔e3 ♖a2 43.♖d5 ♖e2+ 44.♔f3 ♖e6 45.♔g3

45.♖xd3 h5=

45...d2 46.♖xd2

46.f4 ♖e2=

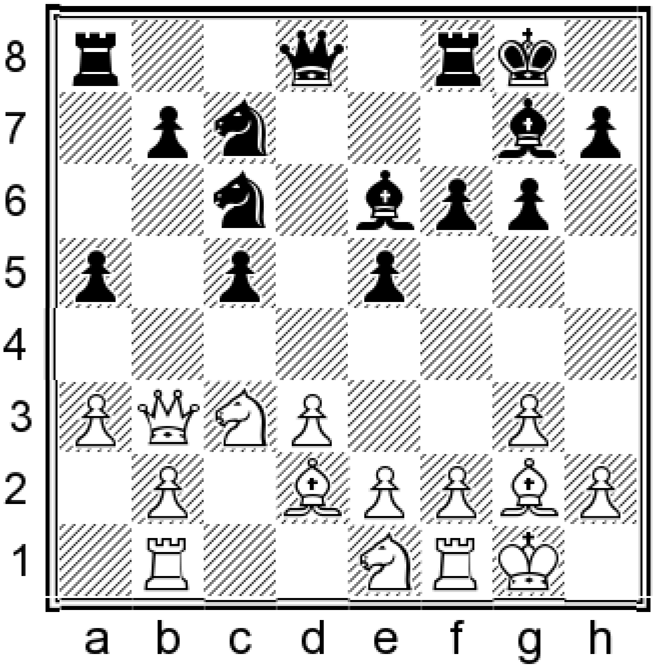
46...h5!= 47.gxh5+ 1/2-1/2

21. A37
Svidler, Peter (2745) - Giri, Anish (2755)
Moscow 130/21, 2016

1.♘f3 c5 2.g3 ♘c6 3.♗g2 g6 4.c4 ♗g7 5.♘c3 d6 6.O-O e5 7.a3 ♘ge7 8.d3 O-O 9.♖b1 a5 10.♗g5 f6 11.♗d2 ♗e6 12.♘e1 d5!?

12...♖b8 - 99/(33)

13.cxd5 ♘xd5 14.♕b3?! ♘c7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14...♘d4? 15.♗xd5! ♘xb3 16.♗xe6+ ♔h8 17.♗xb3±14...a4! 15.♕xb7 ♘a5 16.♕b5 ♘b3↑

15.♕b6!?N

15.♕d1

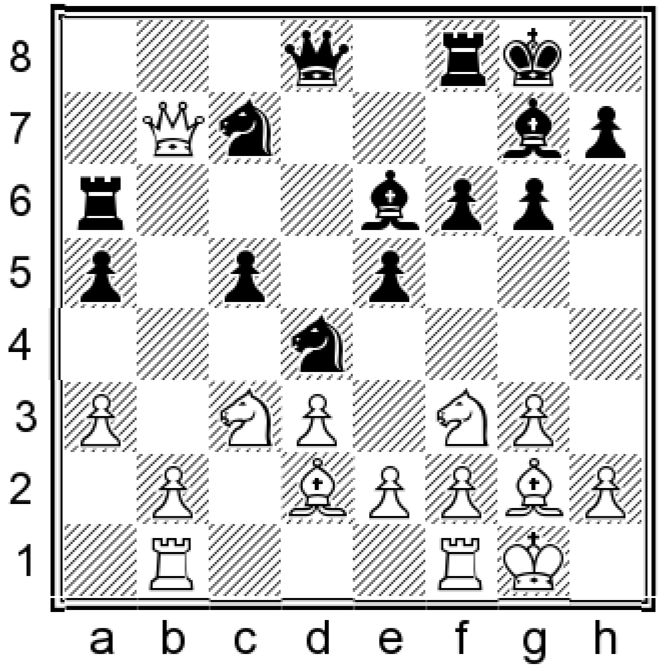
15...♘d4

15...a4!?

16.♘f3?!

16.f4!?∞

16...♖a6! 17.♕xb7



17.♕xc5? b6-+

17...♘xe2+! 18.♔h1

18.♘xe2 ♗d5-+

18...♘xc3 19.bxc3 ♗d5 20.♕b2 ♕a8↑ 21.♘e1 ♖d6 22.d4?!

22.♗e3 ♘e6 23.♕b5 ♖c8 24.♔g1 ♗xg2 25.♘xg2 f5 26.♕c4 ♕d5∓

22...♖fd8 23.♔g1 cxd4 24.cxd4 ♗xg2 25.♘xg2 ♖xd4∓ 26.♗c3 ♖4d7

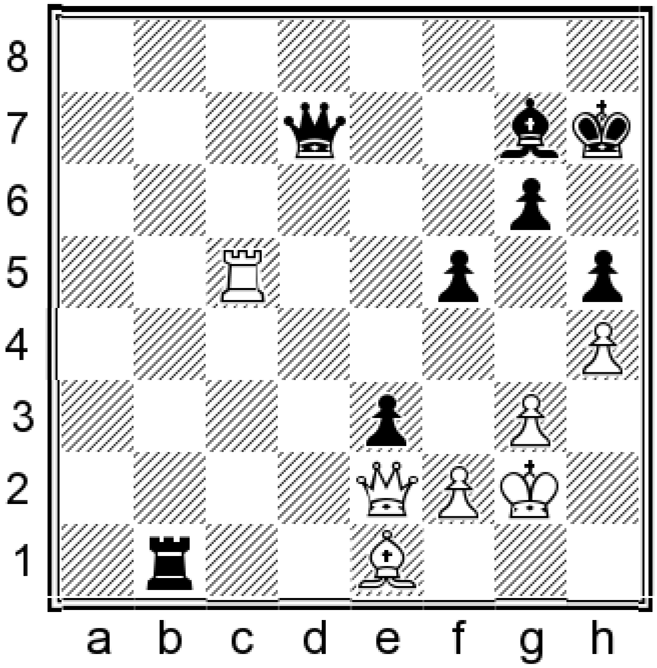
26...♖d3 27.♘e3 ♘d5∓ (27...h5↑)

27.♘e3 ♘d5 28.♘xd5 ♖xd5 29.a4 h5 30.h4 ♕c6 31.♕b3 ♔h7 32.♖fc1 ♕d7 33.♗e1 e4 34.♕b7 ♕xa4 35.♖a1 ♕e8 36.♖c7 ♖5d7 37.♖xd7 ♖xd7 38.♕b3 ♖d3 39.♕c4 ♕d7 40.♖xa5 f5

40...e3 41.fxe3 ♖xe3 42.♗f2 ♖d3∓

41.♔g2 ♖d1 42.♕e2 ♖b1 43.♖c5 ♕b7

43...e3!



44.fxe3 (44.♕xe3 ♗d4-+) 44...♕e7!-+ Δ ♕e4

44.♔h2 f4 45.gxf4 ♕e7 46.♖c4 ♕xh4+ 47.♔g2 ♕xf4 48.♕xe4

48.♖xe4! ♕g5+ 49.♔h2∓

48...♕g5+ 49.♔f3?

49.♔h2 ♗e5+ 50.♔h1 ♖b3-+49.♔f1! ♕b5 50.♕d3 (50.♕e2 ♕d5!-+) 50...♖c1 51.♖d4 ♕g5∓

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22. A40
David, Alexandru Vasile (2390) - Tomici, Stefan (2265)
Romania 130/22, 2016

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.e4 ♗b7 4.♗d3 ♗b4+ 5.♔f1 f5 6.exf5 ♘f6 7.fxe6

7.♗e2 - 84/24

7...O-O

7...dxe6 8.♘f3 (8.♕a4+? ♘c6 9.♘f3 O-O 10.♗e3 ♘g4∓) (8.♗e3 c5!? 9.dxc5 ♘bd7⇄) (8.♗g5 ♘c6 9.♘f3 ♕d7⇄ Δ 0-0-0) (8.a3 ♗e7 9.♘c3 O-O 10.h4!? c5 11.d5↑) 8...♗xf3!? (8...O-O 9.♘g5 ♕d7 10.a3 ♗d6 11.♘d2 ♘c6 12.♘df3±) 9.gxf3!? (9.♕xf3 ♕xd4 10.♘c3 O-O 11.♘b5 ♕d7! 12.♗f4 (12.♗g5 ♘c6 13.♖d1 ♘e5 14.♗xf6 ♘xf3 15.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 16.♖xd7 ♘d2+ 17.♔e2 ♖xf6 18.a3 ♖af8=) 12...e5! 13.♖d1 exf4 14.a3 (14.♗e4 ♘xe4 15.♖xd7 ♘xd7 16.♕xe4 ♖ae8 17.♕d5+ ♔h8 18.♕d1 ♖e1+ 19.♕xe1 ♗xe1 20.♔xe1 ♘e5⇄) 14...♗d6!? (14...♕c6 15.axb4 ♕xf3 16.gxf3 ♘a6=) 15.c5 ♘c6! 16.♗c4+ ♔h8 17.cxd6 ♖ad8 18.♘xc7 ♘e5 19.♗e6 ♘xf3 20.♗xd7 ♖xd7 21.gxf3 ♖fd8=) 9...O-O 10.a3 (10.♖g1 ♘c6⇄) 10...♗e7 (10...♗d6 11.♖g1±) 11.♘c3 ♘c6 12.♗e3 ♕d7 13.♔g2 ♖ad8 (13...e5 14.d5 ♘d4 15.♖g1±) 14.♘e2 e5 15.d5 e4 16.fxe4 ♘g4 17.♘g3±

8.♗g5!?

8.♘f3 dxe6 9.♘g5 (9.a3 ♗xf3 10.gxf3 ♗e7 11.♗e3 c5⇄) (9.♗e3 ♘bd7 10.a3 ♗d6 Δ c5) 9...♘c6 10.a3 (10.♘xe6 ♕d7

11.♘xf8 ♖xf8 12.d5 ♘e5=∞) 10...♕xd4 11.♘xe6 ♕g4 12.♕xg4 ♘xg4 13.♘xf8 ♖xf8⇄8.a3 ♗e7 9.♘f3 c5 10.dxc5 ♗xf3 11.gxf3!? (11.♕xf3 ♘c6 12.♘c3 dxe6!? (12...♗xc5 13.♗g5! dxe6 14.♖d1 ♕e8 15.♕h3 h6 16.♗xf6 ♖xf6 17.♘e4⩲) 13.♗f4 ♗xc5 14.♖d1 ♕e8 15.b4 (15.♕h3?! h5!⩱ Δ ♘g4) 15...e5 16.♗g3 ♘d4⇄) 11...bxc5 12.♘c3 dxe6 13.♔g2 ♘c6 14.♖e1⩲

8...dxe6

8...c5?! 9.a3 ♗a5 10.♕e2±8...h6 9.h4! dxe6 (9...hxg5 10.hxg5 ♘e4 11.♗xe4 ♗xe4 12.♕h5±) 10.a3 hxg5 11.hxg5 ♘e4 12.♗xe4 ♗xe4 13.♖h4! (13.♕h5? ♕xd4-+) (13.axb4 ♕xg5 14.♘f3 ♗xf3 15.gxf3 ♘c6⇄) 13...♗g6 14.axb4 ♕xg5 15.♖h3 ♘c6 16.♘f3 ♕f5 17.♘c3 (17.b5 ♘xd4! 18.♕xd4 ♖ad8 19.♕e3 ♖d1+ 20.♘e1 ♖fd8=∞) 17...♘xb4 18.♕d2 (18.♔g1 ♘c2 19.♖a4 ♖ad8 20.d5 a5 21.♕e2 ♖fe8⇄) 18...♕d3+ 19.♕xd3 ♗xd3+ (19...♘xd3 20.♖g3 ♗f5 21.b3⩲) 20.♔g1 ♗xc4 21.♘e5 ♗d5 22.♘g6 ♖fd8 (22...♖fe8?! 23.♘b5±) 23.♖h8+ ♔f7 24.♘e5+ ♔e7 25.♖h4!⩲

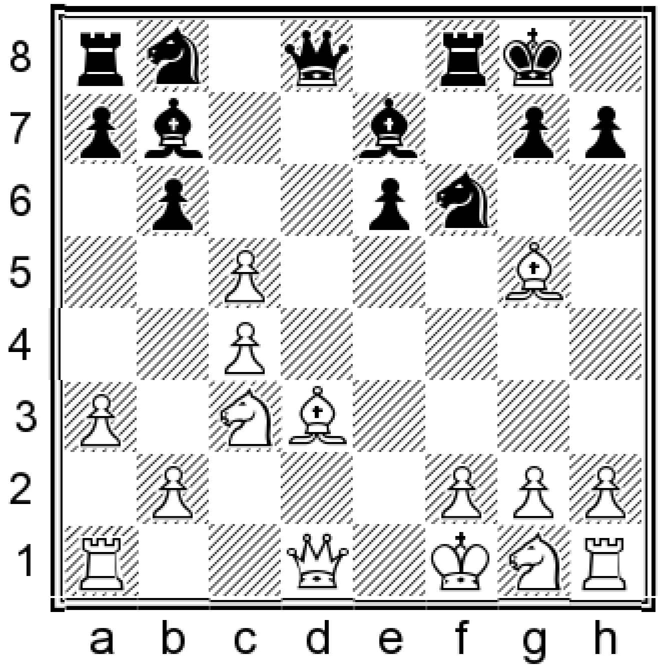
9.a3

9.♘c3 c5! 10.a3 (10.♕e2 ♕xd4 11.♘f3 ♗xf3 12.gxf3 ♘c6 13.♕xe6+ ♔h8=∞) 10...♗xc3 11.bxc3 h6 12.h4 (12.♗e3 ♘c6 13.♘f3 ♕c7=∞) 12...cxd4 13.cxd4 hxg5 14.hxg5 ♘e4 15.♕g4 ♖xf2+ 16.♔e1 ♕xd4 17.♕xe6+ ♖f7 18.♕e8+ ♖f8 19.♕e6+=

9...♗e7N

9...♗d6

10.♘c3 c5⇄ 11.dxc5



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11...♘bd7

11...♘c6!? 12.♗e2 (12.cxb6? ♘e5∓) (12.♘f3 ♘g4 13.h4 h6⇄) 12...♗xc5 13.♘f3 h6 14.♗h4 (14.♕xd8 ♖axd8 15.♗xf6 ♖xf6 16.♖d1 ♖f4⇄) 14...♘d4=∞

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12.♕e2 ♘xc5 13.♗c2 h6 14.♖d1 ♕e8 15.♗e3 (15.h4?! ♘h5↑) 15...e5 16.b4 ♘ce4 17.♘xe4 ♘xe4 18.♘f3 ♗f6 19.c5

♕f7⯹

12...♗xf3

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13.gxf3 ♘e5

13...♘xc5 14.♗c2 ♘h5 15.♕xd8 ♗xd8 16.♗e3 ♗f6 17.♖g1±, 13...♘h5!?

14.♗e2 ♕e8?!

14...♘fd7 15.h4 ♗xg5 16.hxg5 ♕xg5 17.cxb6 axb6⯹

15.f4

15.cxb6 ♘h5 (15...axb6 16.♕d4±) 16.♖g1 axb6 17.♕d4 ♘xf3 18.♗xf3 ♖xf3 19.♕e4±

15...♘g6

⌓15...♖d8 16.♕e1 ♕c6 17.♖g1 ♘f7

16.♗d3

16.cxb6 h6 17.f5!±

16...♖d8 17.♕e2 ♗xc5 18.♖g1 ♗d4 19.♖e1

19.♘b5 e5 20.♖d1!±

19...♔h8?!

19...♗xc3 20.bxc3 ♕c6 21.c5 ♕xc5 22.♕xe6+ ♔h8 23.♕c4 (23.♕h3 ♘h5 24.♗xd8 ♘gxf4∞) 23...♕xc4 (23...♕d6 24.♖g3 ♖c8 25.♕d4±) 24.♗xc4 ♖c8 25.♗e6⩲

20.♘b5± ♕d7

20...e5 21.♘xd4 ♖xd4 22.fxe5 ♕xe5 23.♕xe5 ♘xe5 24.♖xe5 ♖xd3 25.♖e7±

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24.♖d3 ♕c6 25.♖h3+ ♘h5 26.♕e4+-

24...♕xd6 25.♕xe6 ♕xe6 26.♖xe6+- ♖d4 27.♗xf6 gxf6 28.♖xg6 ♖xf4 29.♖e3 ♖h4 30.♔g2 ♖f7 31.♖h3 ♖xh3 32.♔xh3 ♔h7 33.♖g3 1-0

23. A42
Swiercz, Dariusz (2636) - Jones, Gawain C (2647)
Atlantic City (m/2-rapid) 130/23, 2016

1.d4 d6 2.♘f3 g6 3.c4 ♗g7 4.e4 e5 5.dxe5

5.♗e2 - 88/29

5...dxe5 6.♕xd8+ ♔xd8 7.♘c3 f6 8.b4!? ♘c6N

8...♗e6

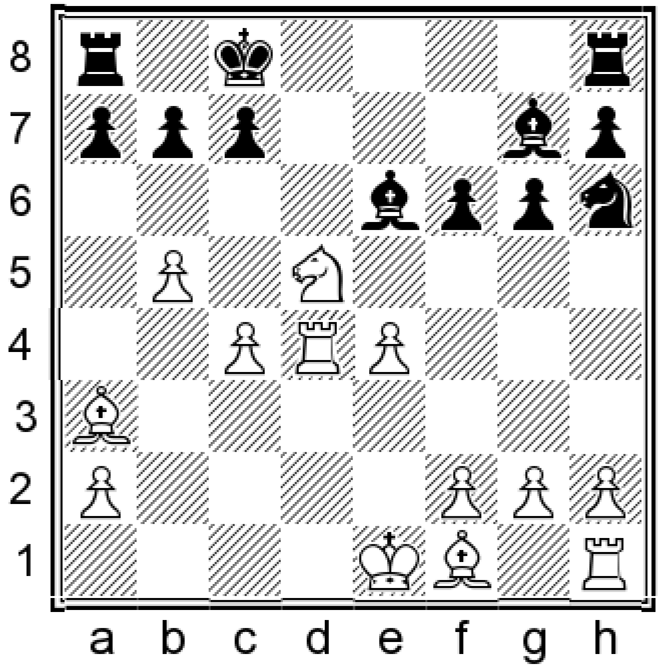
9.♗a3 ♗e6

9...a6!

10.b5 ♘d4 11.♘xd4 exd4 12.♖d1 ♔c8 13.♘d5 ♘h6

13...f5!? 14.exf5 ♗xf5 15.♗b2 c5 16.bxc6 bxc6 17.♘e3! c5?! 18.♘xf5 gxf5 19.♗d3 ♘e7 20.♗a3+-

14.♖xd4



14...♖e8?

14...f5! 15.♖d1 fxe4 16.♗e2 ♘f5 17.O-O (17.♗g4?! b6 18.O-O a6!∓) 17...♘d4⇄

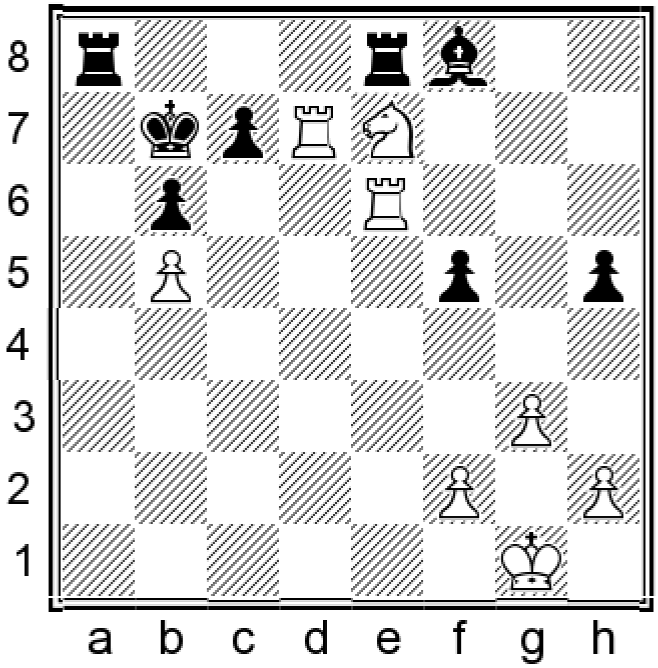
15.♗e2 f5 16.♖d1 fxe4 17.O-O ♘f5 18.♗g4 b6 19.♖fe1 h5?!

19...♗xd5! 20.cxd5 (20.♖xd5 a6!) 20...♔b7 21.d6 cxd6 22.♖d5∞

20.♗h3 a6 21.♖xe4 axb5 22.♘e7+ ♔b7 23.♖xe6 ♖xa3 24.♗xf5 gxf5 25.cxb5 ♖xa2 26.g3 ♖aa8?!

26...♗f8 27.♘c6 ♖xe6 28.♘d8+ ♔a7! 29.♘xe6 ♗c5!=

27.♖d7 ♗f8?



27...♖ed8! 28.♖xd8 ♖xd8 29.♘xf5±

28.♖c6! ♖a1+

28...♖xe7 29.♖cxc7+ ♔b8 30.♖xe7 ♗xe7 31.♖xe7+-

29.♔g2 ♗xe7 30.♖cxc7+ ♔b8 31.♖b7+ ♔a8 32.♖xe7 ♖xe7 33.♖xe7 ♖c1 34.♖h7 ♖c5 35.♖xh5+- ♔b7 36.♖h7+ ♔c8 37.♔f3 ♖xb5 38.♔f4 ♖d5 39.♖f7 ♖d2 40.♔e3 ♖d5 41.♔f4 ♖d4+ 42.♔e3 ♖e4+ 43.♔d3 ♖e5 44.♔d4 ♖c5 45.h4 ♔d8 46.♖b7 ♖b5 47.h5 f4 48.h6 fxg3 49.fxg3 ♔c8 50.♖g7 ♖h5 51.h7 b5 52.♖g8+ ♔d7 53.h8=Q ♖xh8 54.♖xh8 1-0

24. A43
Georgescu, Tiberiu Marian (2460) - Gilea, Lucian (2303)
Iasi 130/24, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 c5 3.d5 b5 4.♗g5 d6 5.♗xf6 exf6 6.e4 b4

6...a6 - 85/34

7.a3

7.♗d3 g6 8.a3 ♗g7 9.O-O O-O 10.axb4 cxb4 11.c3 bxc3 12.♘xc3 ♘d7 13.♘d4 ♕b6⇄7.♘bd2 g6 8.♗b5+ ♗d7 (8...♘d7 9.♗c6 ♖b8 10.a3 bxa3 11.♖xa3 ♕c7 12.♘c4±) 9.♗xd7+ ♘xd7 10.a3 ♗g7 11.♘c4 ♘b6 12.♘fd2±

7...f5!?N

7...bxa3 8.♘xa3 ♗e7 (8...g6 9.♗b5+ ♗d7 10.O-O (10.♗xd7+) 10...♗g7 11.♘d2 O-O 12.c3±) 9.♗b5+ ♗d7 10.O-O O-O 11.♗xd7 ♘xd7 12.♘c4 ♘b6 (12...♕b8) 13.♘e3 a5 14.♕d3 g6 15.♘d2±, 7...g6 8.axb4 cxb4 9.♕d2 ♕b6 10.♕f4 ♗e7 11.♘bd2 O-O 12.♘c4 ♕c5 13.♖a5 ♕c7 14.♗d3 ♗a6 15.♘fd2±

8.♗b5+ ♗d7 9.♗xd7+ ♘xd7 10.exf5 ♗e7

10...♕e7+ 11.♕e2 g6!? 12.axb4 cxb4 13.♖a5! ♗g7 14.b3±

11.axb4 cxb4 12.O-O O-O 13.♘bd2

13.♘d4!? ♗f6 14.♘c6 ♕c7 15.c3 a5 16.cxb4 axb4 17.♘d2! ♖xa1 (17...♗xb2 18.♕c2 ♗c3□ 19.♘xb4 ♕c5 20.♘d3 ♕d4

21.♖xa8 ♖xa8 22.♘b3 ♕f6 23.♖c1 ♗e5 24.♕c6 ♕d8 25.♘d2±) 18.♕xa1 ♘b6 19.♕a2 ♖c8 20.♖e1 ♕d7 21.♘xb4 ♕b5 22.♕b3±

13...♗f6 14.♖a2 ♘c5 15.♘c4 ♕d7

⌓15...♖e8 16.♖e1 ♕d7 17.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 18.♘e3 h6 19.♘d4 ♖e4 20.♘c6 ♕e8=∞

16.♘d4! ♗xd4 17.♕xd4 ♖fe8

17...♕xf5 18.♘e3! (18.♘xd6 ♕xc2 19.♕xb4 ♖ad8 20.♘c4 ♘d3⇄) 18...♕e4 19.♕xe4 ♘xe4 20.♖fa1 b3 21.cxb3 ♖ab8 22.♖a4! ♘c5 23.♖xa7 ♘xb3 24.♖1a6±

18.♕d2 ♖ab8 19.♖aa1

19.♖fa1 a6 20.f6 ♘e4 21.♕d3 ♘xf6 22.♖xa6±19.b3±

19...b3 20.c3 ♖e4 21.♘e3 ♖be8

⌓21...♕e7 22.f6 ♕xf6 23.♖xa7 ♕g5 24.♖fa1 h5 25.♕d1 g6 26.♖a8 ♖xa8 27.♖xa8+ ♔g7 28.♖a7 ♕e5=∞

22.♖ae1?!

22.f6!±

22...♕e7 23.g3 ♕g5

23...a5!⇄ Δ a4

24.♕d1

24.♖a1

24...♔f8 25.♔h1

25.♔g2!? h6 26.h4 ♕e7 (26...♖xh4? 27.f4+-) 27.♕f3⩲

25...h6!?

25...a5⇄

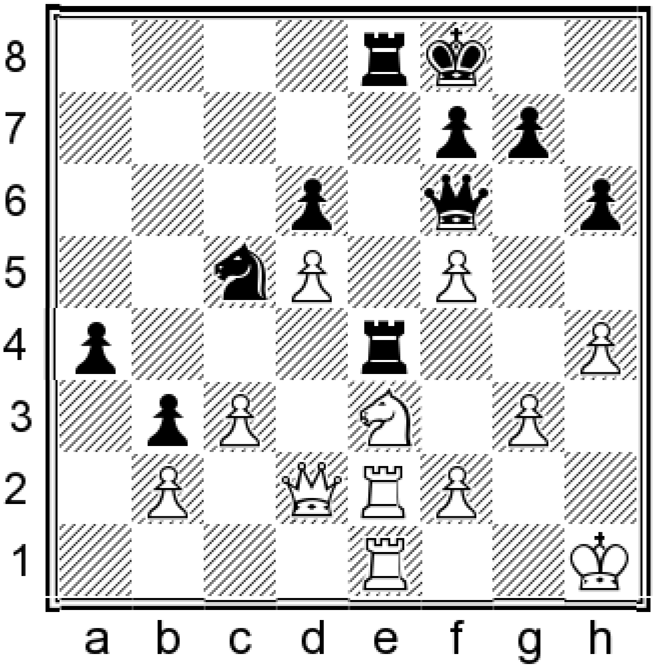
26.h4 ♕f6 27.♖e2

27.♕f3 g5 28.h5 ♘d3 29.♖e2 ♕g7⇄ Δ g4 27.♔g2 g6! 28.fxg6 ♕xg6 29.♔h2 a5 30.♕e2 a4 31.♖a1 h5⇄

27...a5 28.♖fe1

28.♕d2 a4↑, 28.♖d2 a4 29.♖d4 a3 30.bxa3 b2 31.♔g2 ♖xe3 32.fxe3 ♖xe3 33.♖b4 ♕e5 34.♖b8+ ♔e7 35.♕g4 ♕xd5+ 36.♔h3 ♘e4 37.c4 ♕d4 38.f6+ gxf6 39.♖b7+ ♔f8=

28...a4↑ 29.♕d2



29...a3! 30.bxa3 ♘a4 31.♖b1

31.♕d3 ♕xc3 32.♕xc3 ♘xc3 33.♖b2 ♖b8∓

31...♕xc3 32.♔g2

32.♕d1 ♘c5 33.♖c1 ♖d4! 34.♖xc3 ♖xd1+ 35.♔g2 ♖b1∓

32...♖d4∓ 33.♕c1 ♕d3?⊕

33...f6 34.♖e1 ♖d3∓33...♕xc1! 34.♖xc1 b2 35.♖b1 ♖b8 36.♖c2 ♖d3-+

34.♖e1 ♘c5 35.f6∞ ♖b8?

35...g5 36.hxg5 ♕e4+ 37.f3 ♕g6 38.♘f5 ♕xf5 39.♖xe8+ ♔xe8 40.♕e3+ ♔d8 41.♕e7+ ♔c8 42.♕e8+ ♔b7 43.♖xb3+ ♘xb3 44.♕c6+=

36.fxg7+ ♔xg7

⌓36...♔g8 37.♘c2!±

37.♖d1?⊕

37.♕b2! ♔g8 38.♖bd1 ♕e4+ 39.f3+-

37...♕e4+ 38.♔g1?

38.f3 ♖xd1 39.♕b2+ ♕e5 40.♘xd1=

38...♖xd1+ 39.♕xd1 h5?

39...b2-+

40.♖b2 ♕e5 41.♘c4?

41.♖b1 b2 42.♘c4 ♕c3 43.♘xd6 ♔g6 44.a4 ♖b4 45.a5 ♖a4 46.♔g2 ♖a1 47.♔h2! ♕c1 48.♕f3 ♕xb1 49.♕xf7+=

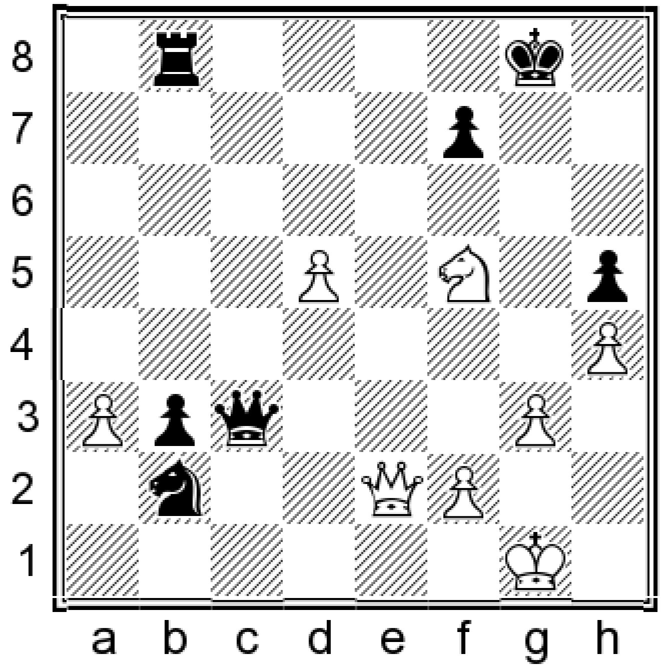
41...♕c3 42.♕e2 ♘d3-+ 43.♘xd6 ♘xb2?!

43...♕xb2 44.♕xd3 ♕f6-+

44.♘f5+?

44.♕xh5 ♕f6 45.♘e4 ♕d8 46.♕e5+ f6 47.♘xf6 ♕xf6 48.♕xb8 ♘d3 49.♕xb3 ♕xf2+ 50.♔h1 ♕xg3 51.♕b7+ ♔f6 52.♕c6+ ♔f5 53.♕e6+ ♔f4 54.♕d6+ ♘e5∓

44...♔g8?



44...♔f6-+

45.♕xh5?

45.♕e7! ♘d3 46.♕g5+ ♔f8 47.♕e7+=

45...♕f6-+ 46.d6 ♘c4 47.♘h6+ ♔f8 48.♘g4 ♕xd6 49.♘h6 ♘e5 50.♕g5 ♘f3+ 0-1

25. A46
Nakamura, Hikaru (2789) - Aloma Vidal, Roberto (2482)
Baku (ol) 130/25, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 e6 3.g3 b5 4.♗g5 ♗b7 5.♘bd2

5.♗g2 - 129/26

5...c5 6.e4 cxd4N

6...a6

7.♗xb5 ♗b4

7...♗e7 8.♕e2 h6 9.♗xf6 ♗xf6 10.e5 ♗e7 11.O-O ♘c6 12.♖ad1±

8.a3 ♗xd2+ 9.♘xd2 h6 10.♗xf6 ♕xf6 11.O-O O-O 12.♕e2 ♘c6

12...e5!? 13.♖ac1 (13.f4 ♕b6 14.♖f2 ♘c6 15.♗d3 d6∞) 13...♕b6 14.c3 ♘c6 (14...dxc3 15.♖xc3±) 15.♘f3 dxc3 16.♖xc3

♘d4 17.♘xd4 exd4 18.♖b3 ♖ae8∞

13.♘b3 ♖ab8 14.♖ad1 d3

14...e5 15.f4 ♕d8 16.♖f2±

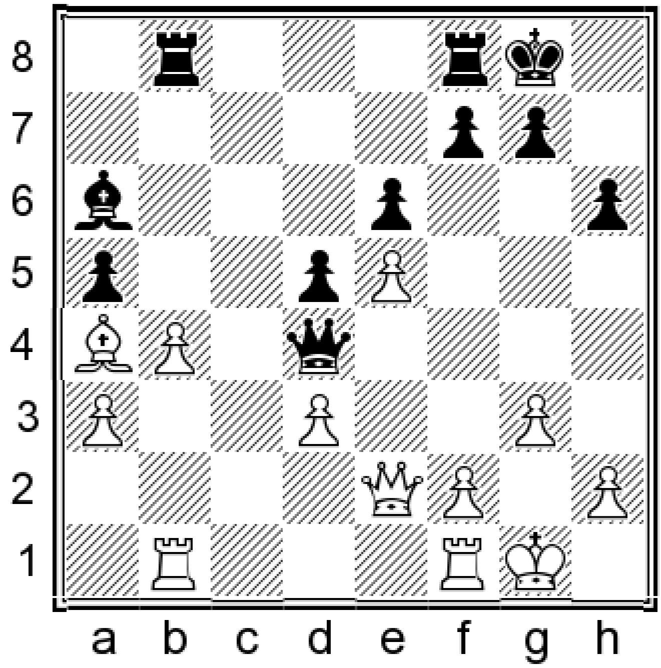
15.cxd3 ♘d4 16.♘xd4 ♕xd4 17.b4 d5 18.e5

18.♕e3 ♕xe3 19.fxe3 dxe4 20.d4 a5 21.bxa5 ♖a8 22.a4 ♖xa5 23.♖c1 ♗a6=18.♖c1!? dxe4 19.dxe4 ♕xe4 20.♕xe4 ♗xe4 21.♗c6 ♗xc6 22.♖xc6±

18...a6 19.♗a4 a5?!

19...♖fc8 20.♖c1 ♖c3 21.♕e3 ♕xe3 22.fxe3 ♖xa3 23.♖c7 ♖xa4 24.♖fxf7 ♖xb4 25.♖xg7+=

20.♖b1 ♗a6



21.b5! ♕xa4 22.bxa6 ♕xa3?

22...♕c6 23.d4 ♖a8 24.♖fc1 ♕xa6 25.♕xa6 ♖xa6 26.♖c5±

23.d4

23.♖xb8 ♖xb8 24.♕c2 ♖a8 25.♖b1 ♕f8 (25...♖xa6? 26.♖b8+ ♔h7 27.d4+ g6 28.♕c8+-) 26.♕c7+-

23...♕c3 24.a7 ♖a8

24...♖xb1 25.♖xb1 ♕xd4 26.♕e3+-

25.♖b7 ♕xd4 26.♕e3 ♕c4 27.♕b6 d4 28.♖d7 ♕b4 29.♕xb4 axb4 30.♖b1+- d3 31.♖xb4 ♔h7 32.♖bb7 ♔g6 33.♖xd3 ♖fc8 34.♖dd7 ♖f8 35.♖bc7 h5 36.h4 ♖ae8 37.♖b7 ♖a8 38.♔f1 ♖ac8 39.♔e2 ♖a8 40.♔d3 ♖ac8 41.♖bc7 ♖a8 42.♔c4 ♖ae8 43.♔b5 ♖a8 44.♔a6 ♖ae8 45.♔b7 ♖a8 46.f3 1-0

A50-A99

26. A50
Ladva, Ottomar (2453) - Stupak, Kirill (2575)
Kaunas 130/26, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 b6 3.f3 ♘c6 4.♘c3 e5 5.d5 ♘e7 6.e4

6.g3 -127/50

6...♘g6 7.♗e3 ♗c5 8.♕d2 d6 9.O-O-O ♘d7N

9...a6, 9...♗xe3

10.g3 O-O 11.h4 ♘e7 12.♗d3

12.♗h3 ♗a6 13.b3 (13.♘b5 ♗xb5 14.cxb5 a6) 13...♖b8⇄

12...♗xe3 13.♕xe3 ♘c5 14.f4

14.g4 ♘g6 15.♘ge2 ♘xh4 16.♖h3 (16.g5 ♘g2!) 16...g5! 17.♖xh4 gxh4 18.♕h6 f6

14...♗g4

14...exf4 15.gxf4 f5 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 f4 18.♕f2 ♘f5 19.♕xf4 ♘xd3+ 20.♖xd3 ♘d6 21.♕d4±

15.♗e2 ♗xe2 16.♘gxe2 f5 17.g4!?

17.fxe5 fxe4 (17...dxe5 18.exf5 ♘xf5 19.♕xe5 ♕d7=∞) 18.♘xe4 ♘f5 19.♕f3! dxe5 (19...♘xg3?! 20.♘f6+!±) (19...♘d4 20.♕g4 Δh5? 21.♕xh5±) 20.♘xc5 bxc5⩲17.h5 fxe4 18.♘xe4 ♘f5 19.♕f3∞

17...fxg4

17...fxe4 18.♘xe4⩲ (18.f5 g6 19.fxg6 ♖f3 20.♕h6 ♘xg6∞)17...exf4 18.♘xf4 fxg4 19.b4 ♖xf4 20.♕xf4 ♘g6 21.♕xg4 ♘e5 22.♕h3⩲

18.h5

18.f5 ♘d7 (18...h5? 19.♕g5 ♕e8 20.♘g3±) 19.h5 ♘f6 20.♖dg1 ♔h8 21.h6 (21.♘d1 ♘eg8 22.♘f2 ♘h6∓) 21...g6∞

18...♕e8 19.♕g3?!

19.f5 ♘d7∓19.fxe5 ♖f3 (19...dxe5 20.♕g5 ♖f3 21.♕xe5 ♘d3+ 22.♖xd3 ♖xd3 23.♘b5=∞) 20.♕g5 ♘d3+ 21.♖xd3 ♖xd3 22.♘f4→

19...exf4 20.♘xf4 ♕f7 21.♖hf1 ♕f6 22.♕xg4 ♕e5∓ 23.♖f3 ♖f7

23...♘xe4? 24.♖e1+-

24.♘d3 ♘xd3+ 25.♖dxd3 ♖af8 26.♘e2 g6

26...c5 27.dxc6 ♖xf3 28.♖xf3 ♖xf3 29.♕xf3 ♘xc6∓

27.hxg6 ♘xg6 28.♔c2 ♕h2?!

28...♔h8 29.♘d4 ♖f4 30.♖xf4 ♘xf4 31.♘e6 RR♘xe6 (31...h5!? 32.♘xf4 hxg4 33.♘g6+ ♔g7 34.♘xe5 dxe5∓) 32.dxe6

♖f2+ 33.♖d2 ♖f4∓

29.♖h3 ♕e5

29...♕f2 30.♔b3 ♔h8 31.♕xg6 ♕xe2 32.♕e6 ♖g7= (32...♖f2? 33.♖xh7+ ♔xh7 34.♖h3+ ♔g7 35.♖g3++-)

30.♔b3 ♖g7 31.♖dg3 ♘f4

31...c5!? 32.dxc6 b5=∞, 31...♕f6 32.♖f3 ♘e5 33.♖xf6 ♖xg4 34.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 35.♖xh7 ♖xe4 36.♘c3 ♖xc4 37.♘b5 ♖c5 38.♘xc7 ♔g8 39.♖e7 ♔f8=

32.♕xg7+ ♕xg7 33.♖xg7+ ♔xg7 34.♖g3+ ♔h8 35.♘d4

35.♖f3 ♘e6=

35...♖e8 36.♘b5 ♖xe4 37.♘xc7 ♘e2?

37...h5 38.♖g5 (38.♘b5 h4 39.♖g4 ♘e6! 40.♖g6 ♘c5+ 41.♔c3 ♔h7↑) 38...♔h7 (38...h4!?) 39.♘b5 h4 (39...♖e5 40.♖g1 (40.♖xe5? dxe5 41.d6 ♔g6 42.d7 ♘e6 43.♘c7 ♘d8-+) 40...h4 41.♘xd6 h3 42.♘f7 ♖f5∞) 40.♘xd6 ♖e3+ 41.♔a4 h3 42.♖g4 ♘g2 43.♘f5 h2 44.♘xe3 h1=Q 45.♖xg2 ♕h3 46.♖e2 ♕f3 47.♖h2+ ♔g6 48.♘c2 ♕e4⇄

38.♖h3 ♘c1+ 39.♔b4 ♖e2 40.♔b5! ♖xb2+ 41.♔c6 ♖c2 42.♔xd6 ♖xc4 43.♘e6→ ♘xa2 44.♔e5 ♖c1

44...♘b4 45.d6 ♘c6+ 46.♔d5! ♖c1 (46...b5 47.d7 a5 48.♔d6 a4 49.♖f3 h5 50.♘c5+-) 47.d7 a5 48.♔d6 a4 49.♖f3 (49.♖a3 b5 50.♖f3 h5 51.♘c5+-) 49...h6 50.♖f8+ ♔h7 51.♖c8 a3 52.d8=Q ♘xd8 53.♖xc1+-

45.d6 ♖e1+ 46.♔f6 ♖d1 47.♖a3!?

47.♔e7 ♘b4 48.d7 ♘c6+ 49.♔e8 ♖e1∞47.♔f7! ♘b4 48.♘g5 ♖f1+ 49.♖f3 ♖xf3+ 50.♘xf3 ♘c6 51.d7 a5 52.♔f8 ♘d8 53.♘g5+-

47...a5

47...♖xd6 48.♖xa2 (48.♖xa7 h5 (48...♖xe6+? 49.♔xe6 ♘c3 50.♔f7 h5 51.♔g6+-) 49.♖e7 ♔g8 50.♔g6 ♖xe6+ 51.♖xe6 ♔f8±) 48...h5 49.♖xa7 ♔g8 (49...b5 50.♖e7 ♖a6 51.♔g6 ♖a8 52.♔h6+-) 50.♖g7+ ♔h8 51.♖e7 ♖c6 52.♔g6 ♖c8 53.♔h6+-

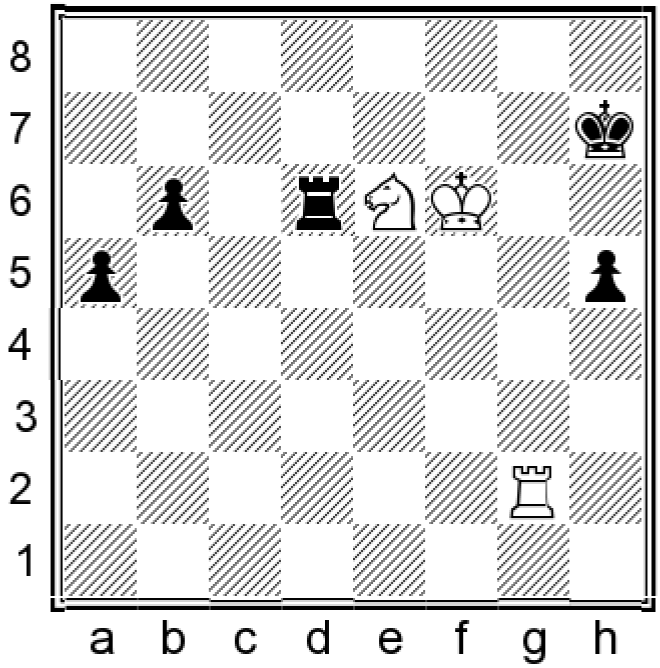
48.♖xa2 ♖xd6 49.♖c2 h5 50.♖h2?⊕

50.♖c7! b5 (50...a4 51.♖e7 ♖c6 52.♔g6 ♖c8 53.♔h6 a3 54.♘f4+-) 51.♖e7 ♖a6 52.♔g6 ♖a8 53.♔h6 h4 54.♘f4+-

50...♔g8?

50...b5 51.♖xh5+ ♔g8 52.♖g5+ (52.♖xb5 ♔h7! (52...a4 53.♖b7) 53.♖h5+ ♔g8 54.♖xa5 ♔h7±) 52...♔h7 53.♖g7+ ♔h6

51.♖g2+ ♔h7?



51...♔h8□

52.♔e7! ♖d1

52...♖c6 53.♔f7! ♖d6 (53...b5 54.♖g7+ ♔h8 55.♖g5+-) 54.♖g7+ ♔h8 (54...♔h6 55.♖g6+ ♔h7 56.♘f8++-) 55.♘f8!!+-

53.♘f8+! ♔h8□ 54.♘d7+- ♖c1 55.♘f6 ♖c7+

55...♖c8 56.♔f7 ♖c7+ 57.♔e6+-

56.♔e6 ♖g7

56...♖c8 57.♔f5 a4 58.♔g6 a3 59.♖h2 ♖c5 60.♖d2 ♖c8 61.♖d7+-

57.♖d2 ♖a7

57...♖g5 58.♖d7+-57...♖c7 58.♖d8+ ♔g7 59.♘e8++-

58.♖d8+ ♔g7 59.♖g8+ ♔h6 60.♔f5! 1-0

27. A61
Lupulescu, Constantin (2609) - Papp, Gabor (2587)
Novi Sad 130/27, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.♘c3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.♘f3 g6 7.♗f4 ♗g7 8.♕a4+ ♗d7 9.♕b3 b5 10.♗xd6 ♕b6 11.♗e5 O-O 12.e3 c4 13.♕c2

13.♕d1 - 129/30

13...♗f5 14.♕d1 ♘bd7 15.♗d4 ♕b7N

15...♕a5 16.a4! (16.♗e2) 16...b4 17.♘b5 a6 (17...♗e4 18.♘d2 ♗xd5 19.♘xc4±) 18.♘d6 ♕xd5 19.♘xc4±

16.♘h4 ♗e4

16...♗g4!? 17.♘f3 (17.f3 b4 18.♘a4 (18.fxg4 bxc3 19.bxc3 ♘xd5 20.♗xc4 ♘xe3! 21.♗xe3 ♖ae8 22.O-O ♖xe3∓)

(18.♘e2 ♖fe8 19.♘f4 (19.fxg4 ♘xg4-+ (19...♘xd5-+)) 19...♘e5 20.fxg4 ♘xd5∓) 18...♘xd5 19.♗xc4 (19.♗xg7 ♘xe3-+) (19.fxg4 ♗xd4 20.exd4 (20.♕xd4 ♘xe3!-+) 20...♘e3 21.♕f3 ♕b5∓) 19...♗e6∓) 17...b4 18.♘a4 ♕xd5 19.♗e2 ♖ac8 20.O-O ♖fd8∞

17.♘xe4

17.a4 a6 18.♗e2 ♗xd5 19.♘xd5 ♘xd5 20.O-O ♗f6 21.♗xf6 ♘7xf6∞

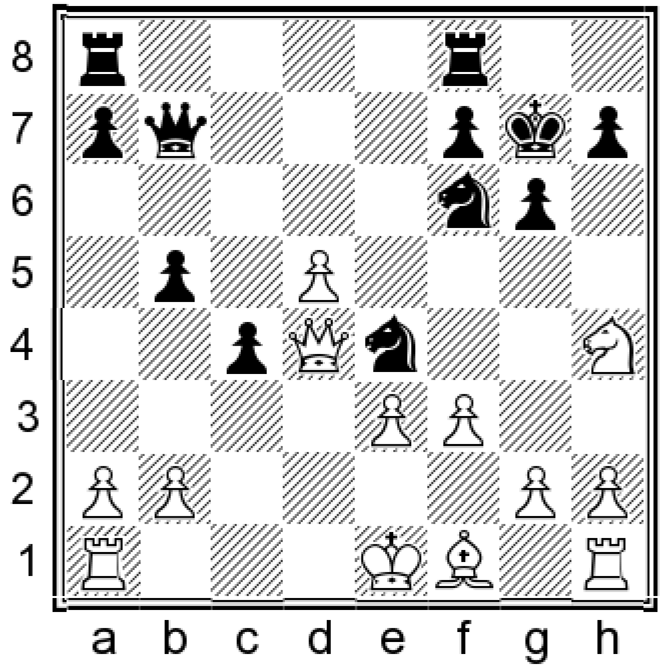
17...♘xe4 18.♗xg7

18.♗e2 ♖ad8 19.♘f3 ♕xd5 20.O-O∞

18...♔xg7 19.♕d4+?!

19.♘f3 ♘df6 20.♗e2 ♘xd5 21.♘d4 ♖fe8 22.O-O ♖ad8∓

19...♘df6 20.f3



20...♖fe8!

20...♘d6 21.♖d1 h5 (21...g5? 22.♕e5±) 22.g3 ♖fe8 23.♗h3 ♖ad8=∞

21.g3

21.fxe4 ♖xe4 22.♕d2 ♖xh4∓

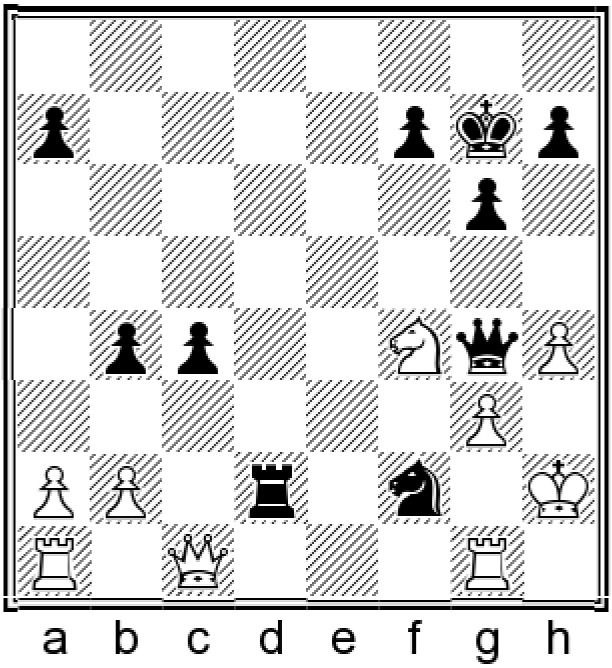
21...♖ad8!-+ 22.fxe4

22.♗xc4 ♘xg3 23.hxg3 bxc4-+

22...♖xe4 23.♕c3 b4 24.♕c1 ♘xd5 25.♗g2 ♘xe3! 26.♗xe4 ♕xe4 27.♔f2 ♖d3

27...♘g4+ 28.♔g1 ♕d4+ 29.♔g2 ♘e3+-+

28.♖e1 ♘g4+ 29.♔g1 ♕d4+ 30.♔h1 ♕f2 31.♘g2 ♖d2 32.♖g1 ♕e2 33.h4 ♘f2+ 34.♔h2 ♕g4 35.♘f4

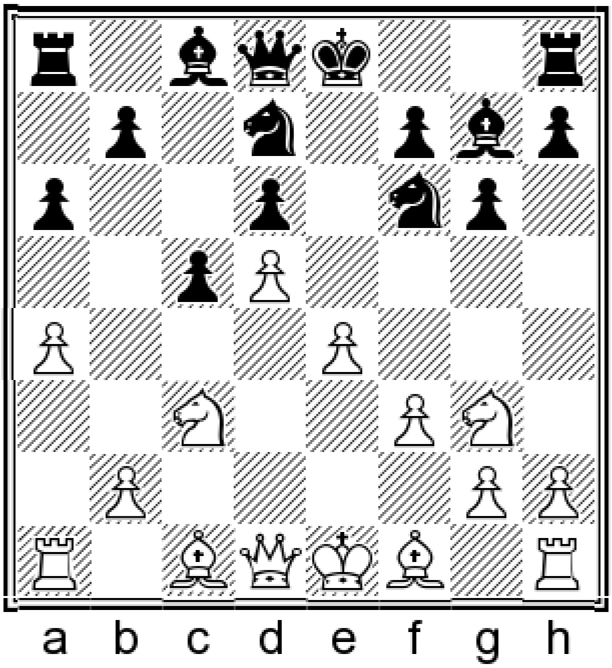


35...♕h3+!

35...♕h3+ 36.♘xh3 ♘g4+ 37.♔h1 ♖h2# 0-1

28.* A65
Vitiugov, Nikita (2721) - Grischuk, Alexander (2752)
Russia (ch) 130/28, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.e4 e6 6.♘c3 exd5 7.cxd5 ♗g7 8.♘ge2 a6 9.a4 ♘bd7 10.♘g3



10...♘h5!?N

10...h5 - 130/(8) 11.♗e2 h4 12.♘f1 ♖b8 (12...♘h5 - 74/78) 13.♗g5 ♕c7 14.♘d2 ♘h5N (14...♘e5) 15.♘c4 ♘e5 16.♕d2 ♘xc4 17.♗xc4 ♕a5 18.♗e3 b5 19.♗e2 ♗d7 20.f4?! (20.O-O bxa4 21.♗d1 ♖b4 22.♗xa4 ♗xa4 23.♘xa4 ♕b5 24.♘c3

♕b6 25.♖a2 O-O∞) 20...bxa4 21.O-O ♕b4∓ Popov,S (2447)-Kovacevic,A (2522) Srbija 130/(28) 2016

11.♘xh5 gxh5 12.♗e2

12.♗e3 f5 13.♗e2 (13.exf5 ♘e5 14.♗e2 ♗xf5 15.O-O O-O∞) 13...♘e5 14.O-O O-O 15.♕d2 fxe4 16.♘xe4 ♗f5∞

12...♗d4 13.♗f4 ♖g8

13...♘e5 14.♕d2 ♖g8 15.g3 - 13...♖g8

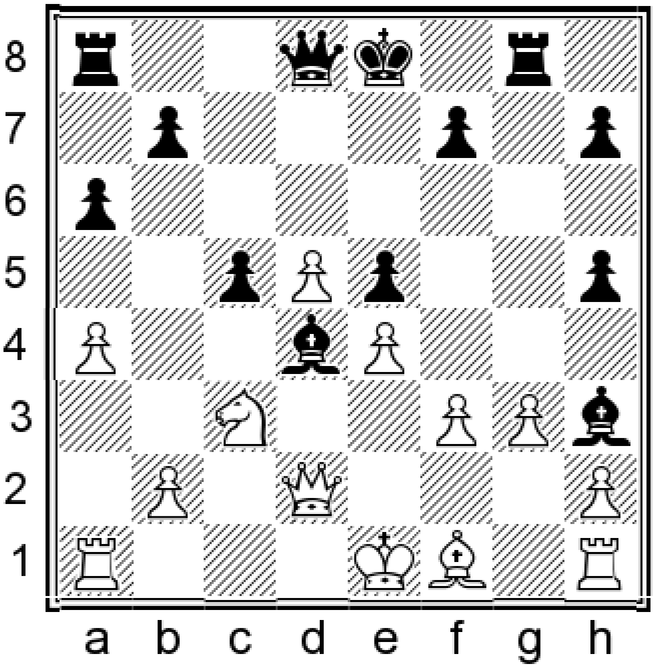
14.g3

14.♗xd6? ♕b6-+

14...♘e5 15.♕d2 ♗h3 16.♗xe5 dxe5

16...♗xe5 17.f4 ♗xc3 18.♕xc3 ♗g2 19.♖g1 ♗xe4 20.♗xh5∞

17.♗f1



17...♗d7!

17...♗xf1 18.♖xf1 h4 19.♘e2±

18.♘e2 h4 19.♘xd4 cxd4 20.♔f2 ♖c8 21.♗d3 ♕f6 22.♖hg1 h5 23.♔e2 ♖g6 24.a5 ♔f8 25.♖ac1 ♖xc1 26.♕xc1 ♔g7 27.gxh4

27.♕e1?! hxg3 28.hxg3 ♕g5∓

27...♕xh4= 28.♖xg6+ ♔xg6 29.♕g1+ ♕g5 30.♕xg5+ ♔xg5 31.b3 ♔f6 32.h4 ♗b5 33.♗xb5 axb5 34.b4 ♔e7 35.♔e1 ♔d6 36.♔d1 ♔e7 37.♔e1 ♔d6 38.♔d1 ♔e7 39.♔e1 ♔d6 40.♔d1 ♔e7 1/2-1/2

29. A65
So, Wesley (2794) - Salem, AR Saleh (2650)
Douglas 130/29, 2016

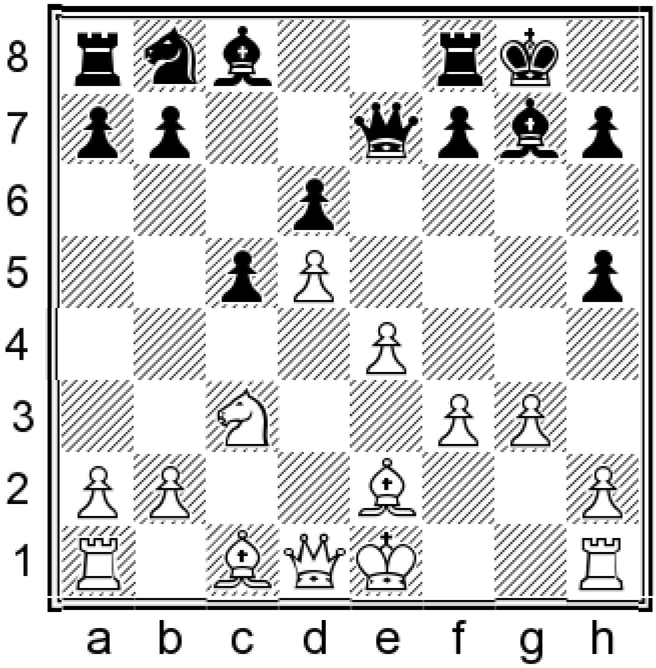
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.e4 ♗g7 6.♘e2 e6 7.♘bc3 O-O 8.♘g3 exd5 9.cxd5 ♘h5 10.♘xh5 gxh5 11.♗e2

11.♗d3 - 82/(69)

11...♕h4+N

11...f5 12.O-O a6 13.a4 f4 14.g3 ♗e5 (14...fxg3 15.hxg3 ♕d7 16.♗e3 ♕h3 17.♖f2±) 15.gxf4 ♗xf4 16.♗xf4 ♖xf4 17.♔h1±

12.g3 ♕e7



13.♕d2!? a6

⌓13...h6±

14.♕g5 ♕xg5 15.♗xg5 ♖e8 16.♗f4 ♗f8 17.a4 ♘d7 18.h3 ♘e5 19.g4± ♗d7 20.♔f2

20.gxh5 f5 21.♔d2 ♔h8 22.a5±

20...♖ac8 21.♖hg1 hxg4

21...h4 22.♘d1 c4 23.♘e3 ♗g7 24.♘f5 ♗xf5 25.gxf5±

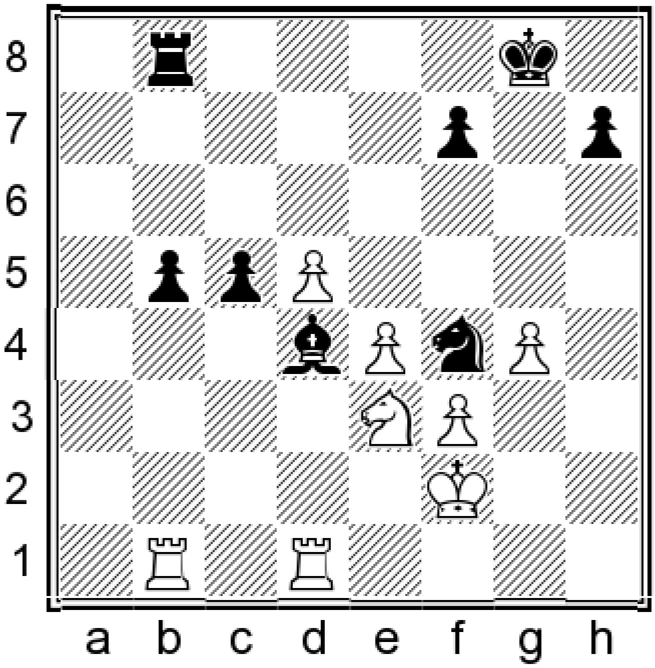
22.hxg4 ♘g6 23.♗g3 ♖b8 24.♘d1! b5 25.axb5 ♗xb5

25...axb5 26.♖a7 ♗c8 27.♘e3±

26.♗xb5 axb5 27.♘e3± ♗g7?!

27...♘e5 28.♔e2 ♖a8 29.♘f5 f6 30.♗h4 ♔f7 31.g5 fxg5 32.♗xg5±

28.♗xd6 ♗xb2 29.♖ab1 ♗d4 30.♗xb8 ♖xb8 31.♖gd1 ♘f4



32.♖xd4!+- cxd4 33.♘f5 ♘d3+

33...d3 34.♔e3 ♘g6 35.♔xd3+-

34.♔e2 ♘f4+ 35.♔d2 ♖a8 36.♘xd4 ♖a3 37.♖b3

37.♔c2 ♖d3 38.♖d1+-

37...♖xb3 38.♘xb3 h5 39.gxh5 ♘xh5 40.♔c3 ♔f8 41.♘d4 ♔e7 42.♘xb5 ♘f4 43.♔d4 f6 44.♔e3 ♘g2+ 45.♔f2 ♘f4 46.♔g3 ♘d3 47.♔g4 ♘e5+ 48.♔f4 ♘c4 49.♔f5 ♔f7 50.♘d4 ♘e3+ 51.♔f4 ♘c4 52.♘c6 ♘d6 53.♔e3 ♘b5 54.♔d3 ♔e8 55.f4 ♔d7 56.e5 fxe5 57.fxe5 ♘c7 58.♔c4 1-0

30. A65
Wojtaszek, Radoslaw (2744) - Erdos, Viktor (2585)
Novi Sad 130/30, 2016

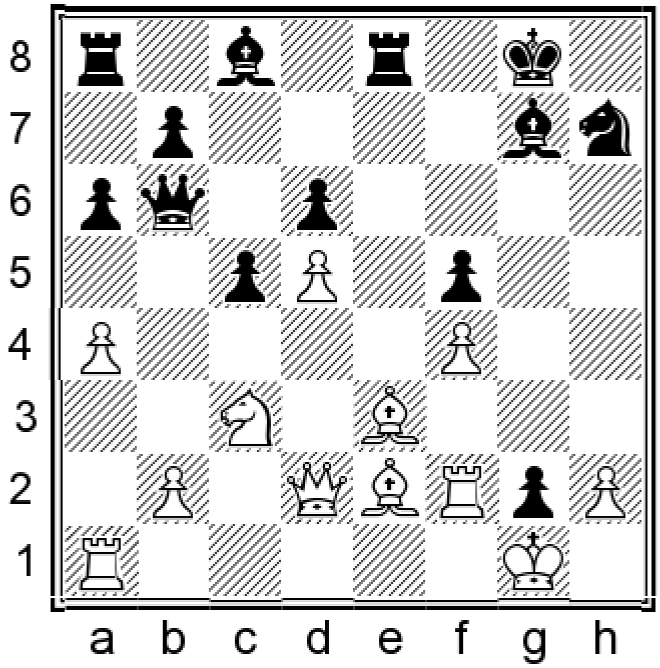
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 e6 4.e4 c5 5.d5 d6 6.♘e2 ♗g7 7.♘bc3 exd5 8.cxd5 O-O 9.♘g3 h5 10.♗e2 a6 11.a4 ♘h7 12.♗e3 h4 13.♘f1 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.♘d2 ♘d7 16.f4 h3

16...♖e8 - 42/98

17.O-O hxg2 18.♖f2 ♖e8 19.♘c4 ♘b6 20.♘xb6N

20.♕d2

20...♕xb6 21.♕d2



21...♖xe3?

⌓21...♘f6 22.h3 (22.♖xg2 ♘g4 23.♗f2 ♗d7∓) 22...♕b4 23.♖xg2 ♗d7↑

22.♕xe3 ♕xb2 23.♕e8+ ♘f8 24.♖d1

24.♖b1? ♕xc3 25.♖xg2 ♗e6! 26.♕xa8 ♕e3+ 27.♔h1 ♗xd5∓

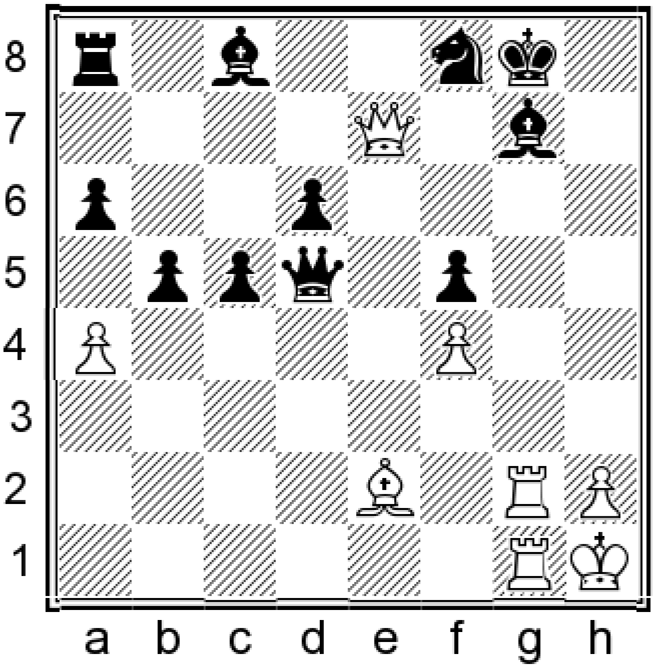
24...♕xc3 25.♖xg2 ♕f6 26.♔h1!

26.♖d3!? b5 27.♖dg3 ♖a7 28.♕xc8 ♕a1+ 29.♗f1 ♕d4+ 30.♔h1 ♕xf4 31.♗e2±

26...♕f7 27.♕d8?

27.♕e3 ♖a7 28.♖dg1 b6 29.♖xg7+ ♕xg7 30.♕e8 ♕xg1+ 31.♔xg1 ♖g7+ 32.♔f2+-

27...b5! 28.♖dg1 ♕xd5 29.♕e7



29...♘e6?

29...♘g6! 30.♕d8+ ♘f8=, 29...♖a7! 30.♕xa7 ♕b7 31.♕xb7 ♗xb7 32.axb5 axb5 33.♗xb5 ♘g6 34.♖b1 ♔h7 35.♗e8 ♗xg2+ 36.♔xg2 ♘xf4+ 37.♔f3 ♘e6=

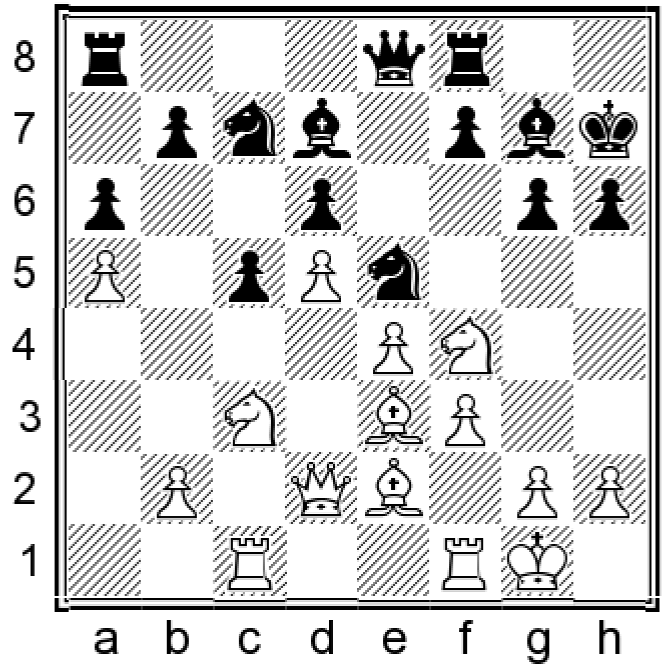
30.♗h5+- ♗b7 31.♗f7+ ♔h7 32.♗xe6 1-0

31. A65
Shabalov, Alexander (2550) - Jones, Gawain C (2647)
Atlantic City 130/31, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 O-O 5.♘ge2 d6 6.f3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.♗g5 h6 9.♗e3 exd5 10.cxd5 a6 11.a4 ♘bd7 12.♕d2 ♘e8N

12...♘e5 - 71/(73)

13.♘f4 ♘e5 14.♗e2 ♘c7 15.O-O ♗d7 16.a5 ♕e8 17.♖ac1 ♔h7



18.b4! c4

18...cxb4?! 19.♘a4! ♗xa4 20.♖xc7 ♗b5 (20...b3 21.♕b4 b2 22.♖b1±) 21.♕xb4±

19.♘b1 f5

19...♘b5 20.♗xc4 ♘xc4 21.♖xc4 f5 22.♘e2±

20.exf5

20.♘a3 g5 21.♘e6 ♘xe6 22.dxe6 ♕xe6 (22...c3 23.♖xc3 ♗xe6 24.exf5 ♗xf5 25.♘c4±) 23.exf5 ♖xf5 24.♘xc4 ♗b5 25.♘xe5 ♗xe2 26.♕xe2 ♖xe5 27.♕c2+ ♔g8 28.♗f2±

20...♗xf5 21.♘a3

21.♗xc4 ♖c8 22.♗e2 (22.♗b3 g5 23.♘e6 ♘xe6 24.dxe6 ♗xe6⇄) 22...g5 23.♘h3 ♘g6⯹

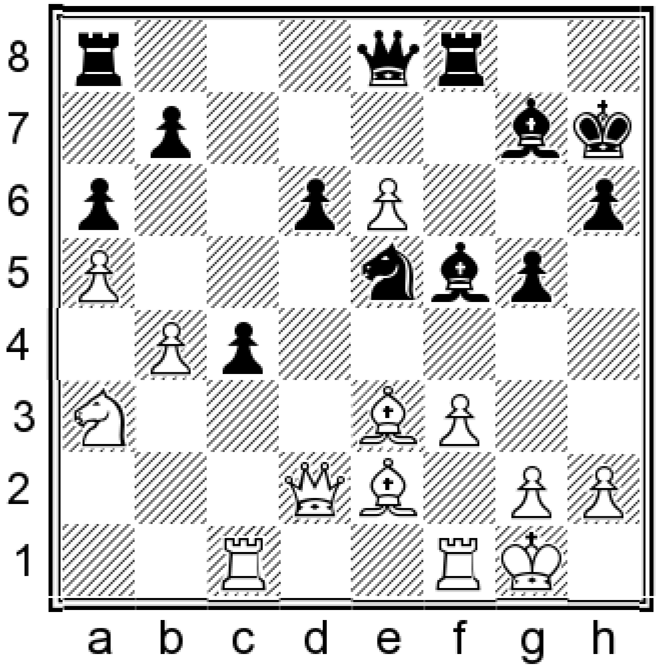
21...g5 22.♘e6

22.♘h3 c3! 23.♖xc3 ♕f7 24.♘c4 ♘xc4 25.♖xc4 ♗xh3 26.gxh3 ♘xd5 27.f4 gxf4 28.♗xf4 ♘xf4 29.♖cxf4 ♕e7=

22...♘xe6

22...♗xe6!? 23.dxe6 d5 24.♗c5 ♕xe6 25.♗xf8 ♖xf8⯹

23.dxe6



23...d5!

23...♕xe6 24.♘xc4 d5 25.♘xe5 ♗xe5 26.♗d3±

24.♗c5?

24.♕xd5 ♗xe6 25.♕xb7 ♖f7 26.♕b6 ♖f6 (26...♖b8 27.♕xa6 ♗f8 28.♗b6 ♗xb4 29.♕b5 ♕xb5 30.♘xb5 ♗xa5 31.♗xa5 ♖xb5 32.♖a1 ♗f5 33.♗c3 ♘d3=) 27.♕d4 ♖f7 28.♕b6=

24...♕xe6 25.♗xf8 ♖xf8∓ 26.♖fe1 ♕f7 27.♔h1 ♘d3 28.♗xd3 ♗xd3 29.♖e3 ♗g6 30.♕e1 ♕f4 31.♖d1 d4 32.♖e7 c3 33.♕e6 c2

33...d3 34.♕d7 ♖g8 35.♖xd3 ♕c1+ 36.♖d1 ♕xa3-+

34.♘xc2 ♗xc2 35.♕d7 ♖g8-+ 36.♖de1 d3 37.♖1e3 ♔h8 38.h3 ♕d4 39.♖xg7 ♕xg7 40.♖e7 ♕xe7! 41.♕xe7 d2 0-1

32.* A83
Guillen Ramirez, Jose Antonio (2269) - Bareev, Evgeny (2675)
Baku (ol) 130/32, 2016

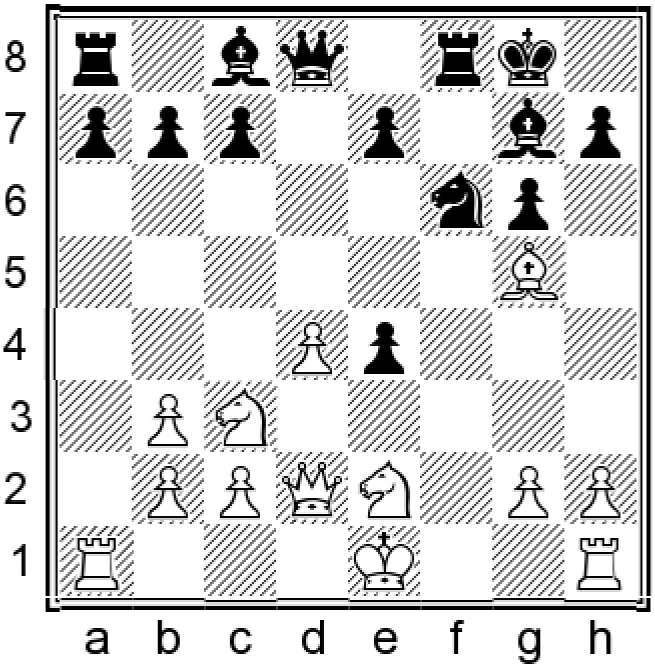
1.d4 f5 2.e4 fxe4 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗g5 g6 5.f3 d5

5...exf3 - 20/97

6.fxe4 dxe4 7.♗c4 ♘c6 8.♘ge2 ♘a5 9.♗b3 ♘xb3 10.axb3 ♗g7 11.♕d2N

11.O-O

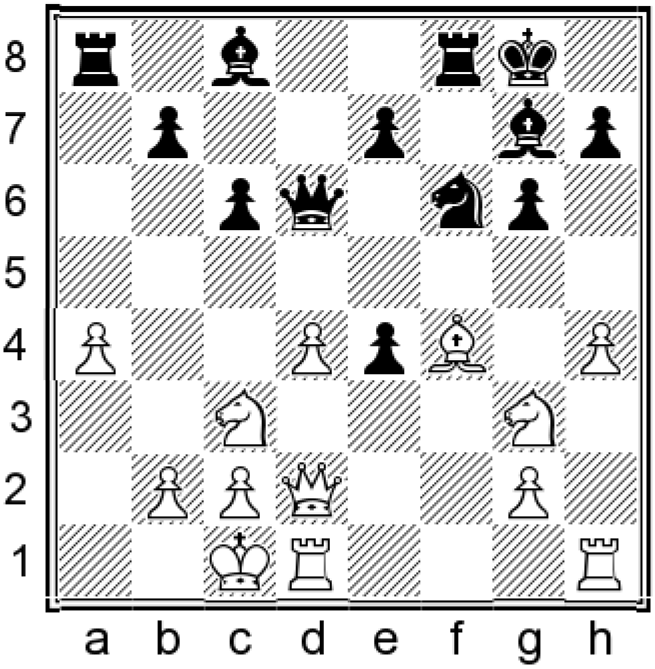
11...O-O



12.O-O-O - 130/32

12.O-ON b6 13.♖ad1 ♗a6 14.♕e3 (14.♖fe1=∞) 14...♕d7 15.♖fe1? (15.h3 ♗b7∓) 15...♘g4 16.♕g3 ♕f5∓ Straka,V (2341)-Krnan,T (2430) Tatranske Zruby 130/(32) 2016

12...a5 13.♘g3 c6 14.h4 a4 15.bxa4 ♕d6 16.♗f4?



16.♗xf6 exf6 17.♘gxe4 ♕b4 18.h5∞

16...e3!∓ 17.♕xe3 ♘g4 18.♗xd6 ♘xe3 19.♗xe7 ♖f7 20.♗g5 ♘xd1 21.♖xd1 ♗g4 22.♖d3 ♖f2 23.♖d2 ♖xd2 24.♔xd2 ♗xd4 25.♘ge4 ♗f5 26.b3 ♗e5 27.♘c5 ♗d6

27...b6 28.♘d3 ♗c7 29.♘b4 ♗d7∓

28.♘3e4 ♗f8 29.g4 ♗c8

29...♗xg4 30.♘xb7 h6∓

30.h5

30.♘d3 b5 31.axb5 cxb5 32.♘f6+ ♔g7 33.♘e8+ ♔f7 34.♘c7 ♖a5 35.b4 ♖a4 36.c3∓

30...♔f7

30...♗xg4 31.hxg6 (31.♘f6+ ♔f7 32.♘xg4 ♗xc5-+) 31...h5-+

31.hxg6+

31.h6 ♗xg4 32.♘xb7 ♗f5 33.♘ed6+ ♔e6 34.♘c4 ♗h3∓ Δ ♔f5

31...♔xg6 32.♘d3

32.♗e3 ♗xg4 33.♘xb7 h5-+

32...♗xg4 33.♘f4+ ♔f5 34.♔d3

34.♔d3 h6-+ 0-1

B00-B49

33. B06
Dolana, Andrei Theodor (2354) - Manolache, Marius (2509)
Mangalia 130/33, 2016

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♘c3 d6 4.f4 c6 5.♘f3 ♗g4 6.♗e3 ♕b6 7.♕d2 ♗xf3 8.gxf3 ♘d7

8...♕xb2?! 9.♖b1 ♕a3 10.♖xb7 ♘d7 11.♗b5! ♖c8 12.♗a4±

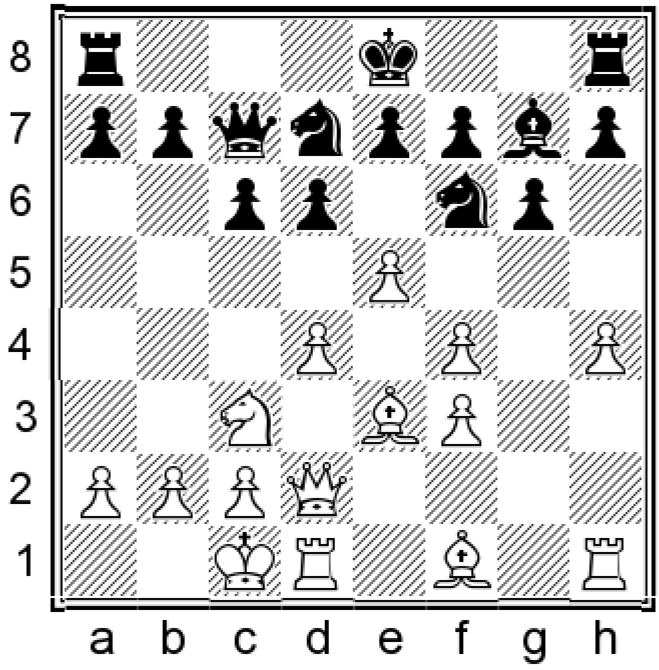
9.O-O-O

9.♗h3 ♕a5 10.O-O-O O-O-O 11.♖hg1 ♘f6 12.f5±

9...♕c7

9...♕a5 - 93/ 55

10.h4 ♘gf6 11.e5!?



11.♗d3 e6 (11...O-O-O 12.♖hg1 ♔b8 (12...e6 13.e5 ♘h5 14.♘e4 ♗f8 15.c4±) 13.f5 e6 14.fxe6 fxe6 15.f4 ♗h6 16.e5±) 12.f5 (12.e5 ♘h5 13.♘e4 ♗f8 14.♖hg1 d5∞) 12...exf5 13.exf5 O-O-O 14.d5 ♔b8 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.♖he1 ♘h5∞11.♗h3 O-O-O (11...b5 12.e5 b4 13.♘e4 ♘d5 14.e6±) (11...♘b6 12.b3 e6 (12...♘fd7 13.h5±) 13.f5 exf5 14.exf5 ♘bd5 15.♗h6±) 12.e5 ⌓♘h5 - 12...0-0-0 (12...♘d5 13.♘xd5 cxd5 14.e6 fxe6 (14...♘f8 15.exf7+ e6 16.h5 ♔b8 17.♗g4 ♕xf7 18.h6 ♗f6 19.♗f2 ♘d7 20.♖de1 ♖he8 21.♖e2±) 15.♗xe6 ♔b8 16.h5! (16.♗xd5 ♘b6 17.♗e6 ♘c4) 16...♗f6 (16...♘b6 17.b3±) 17.♖h2± Δ ♖dh1)

11...♘h5N

11...♘d5 12.♘xd5 cxd5 13.h5 O-O-O 14.h6 (14.♗d3!?) 14...♗f8 15.exd6! exd6 (15...♕xd6 16.f5!+- Δ ♗f4) 16.f5 ♗e7 17.♗f4±

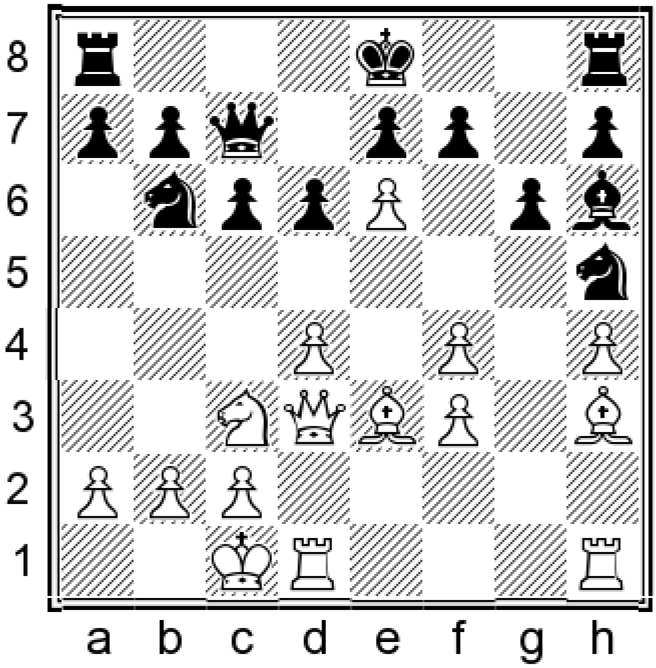
12.♗h3 ♘b6

12...O-O-O 13.♗g4 ♔b8 14.♗xh5 gxh5 15.♖hg1 ♗h6 16.♔b1 f5 (16...dxe5 17.fxe5 ♗xe3 18.♕xe3 c5 19.a4±) (16...♘b6 17.♕d3± Δdxe5 18.fxe5 ♗xe3 19.♕xe3 f6 20.exf6 exf6 21.♕h6±) 17.exd6 exd6 (17...♕xd6 18.d5±) 18.d5 ♘b6 19.♗xb6 ♕xb6 20.dxc6 bxc6 21.♘e2 ♖d7 22.♘d4 ♗g7 23.♘b3 d5 24.♖g5±

13.♕d3

13.♗g4 ♘c4 14.♕d3 ♘xe3 15.♕xe3 ♗h6 (15...♘g3? 16.♖hg1+-) 16.♘e2 e6 (16...♘g7 17.♔b1 e6 18.♕a3! dxe5 19.fxe5! ♘f5 20.h5 ♗f8 21.♕c3 ♖g8 22.d5±) 17.♗xh5 gxh5 18.♘g3 O-O-O 19.♘xh5 ♔b8 20.♔b1 f5 21.exf6 ♕f7 22.♘g7 ♕xf6 23.♘xe6 ♖de8 24.♖de1 ♗xf4 25.♕xf4 ♖xe6 26.♕xf6 ♖xf6 27.♖e7 ♖xf3 28.b3 ♖f4 29.♖g1±

13...♗h6⇄ 14.e6?!



14.♘e2 ♘d5 15.♕e4 ♘xe3 16.♕xe3 e6∞ Δ 0-0-014.♔b1!? ♘xf4 (14...♗xf4 15.♗g4 dxe5 16.♗xh5 gxh5 17.dxe5 ♗xe5 18.♖he1=∞) 15.♕f1 dxe5 (15...O-O 16.h5 dxe5 17.hxg6 hxg6 18.♗e6! ♔g7 19.♗b3 (19.♖xh6 ♔xh6 20.♗xf4+ exf4 21.♗xf7 ♖xf7 22.♕h3+ ♔g7 23.♖h1 ♖g8□ 24.♕h6+ ♔f6 25.♘e4+ ♔e6 26.♘g5+ ♔f6=) 19...exd4 20.♗xd4+ f6 21.♘e4=∞) 16.dxe5 O-O 17.♖e1 (17.h5 ♕xe5 18.♖e1 ♕f6) 17...e6 18.h5 g5∞

14...f5! 15.d5

15.♔b1 ♗xf4 16.♗f2 (16.d5 ♗xe3 17.♕xe3 cxd5 18.♘xd5 ♘xd5 19.♖xd5 ♘f6∓) 16...d5 17.♘e2 O-O-O (17...♗h6 18.♗xf5! gxf5 19.♕xf5 ♘f6 20.♗g3=∞) 18.♘xf4 ♕xf4 (18...♘xf4 19.♕c3∓) 19.♖de1 ♘c4 20.♖e2 (20.♗g2 ♕d2∓) 20...♘g3 21.♗xg3 ♕xg3 22.♗f1 ♕f4∓

15...♘xd5 16.♘xd5 cxd5 17.♕xd5 ♗xf4∓ 18.♕d2 ♗xe3 19.♕xe3 ♖c8 20.c3 ♕c5 21.♖d4 O-O 22.♔b1 ♖f6?!

22...f4 23.♕d2 (23.♕e1 ♘g3∓) 23...♕e5∓22...b5 23.♖hd1 (23.f4 b4∓) 23...a5∓

23.♖g1?

23.f4 ♘g7 24.♗g2 b5 25.♗d5 ♔h8∓

23...♘g7-+ 0-1

34. B07
Nevednichy, Vladislav (2551) - Manolache, Marius (2509)
Iasi 130/34, 2016

1.e4 g6 2.d4 ♗g7 3.♘f3 d6 4.c3 ♘f6 5.♗d3 O-O 6.O-O c5 7.h3 ♘c6 8.d5 ♘e5

8...♘a5 - 61/1058...♘b8 - 122/(192)

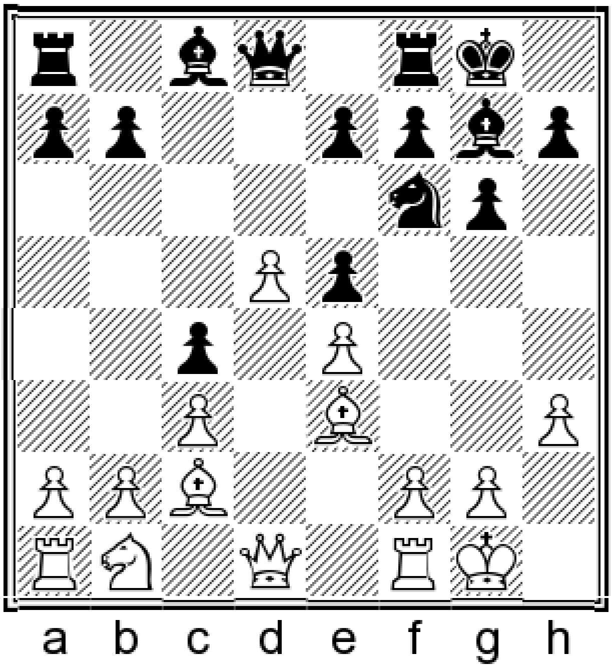
9.♘xe5 dxe5 10.♗e3!?

10.♖e1 ♘e8 11.c4 e6 (11...♘d6 12.b4! cxb4 13.c5) 12.♘c3 ♘d6 13.b3⩲10.c4 ♘e8 (10...♘h5 11.♖e1 e6 12.♘c3 f5 13.a4! exd5 14.cxd5 (14.exf5 e4 15.♗c2 e3 16.♕xd5+ ♕xd5 17.♘xd5 exf2+ 18.♔xf2 ♗xf5 19.♘e7+ ♔h8 20.♘xf5 gxf5 21.♖e7⩲) 14...f4 15.♗e2 ♕h4 16.♘b1! ♘f6 17.♘d2 ♘e8 (17...g5 18.♘f3 ♕h6 19.♗c4±) 18.b3 ♘d6 19.♗a3±) 11.♘c3 ♘d6 12.a3 (12.♗e3 b6 -10... b6) 12...f5 13.b4 b6 14.f3 f4 (14...e6 15.♗e2±) 15.♕e2±

10...c4

10...♕c7 11.c4 (11.♘d2 e6 (11...♘e8 12.b4!) 12.c4 b6 13.♘b1 ♘h5∞ Δ ♘f4) 11...♘h5 12.♘c3 ♘f4 (12...a6 13.♘a4 b6 14.b4±) 13.♖e1 ♘xd3 14.♕xd3 ♗d7 15.f3 f5 16.a4↑10...b6 11.c4 ♘e8 12.♘c3 ♘d6 13.a3! (13.♕d2 f5 14.f3 (14.exf5 gxf5 15.f4 e4⇄) 14...e6 15.♗e2 ♗b7∞) 13...f5 14.f3 ♗d7 (14...e6!?) 15.b4 ♖c8 16.♕d2 e6 17.bxc5 bxc5 18.♗e2±

11.♗c2



11...♗d7!?N

11...♘e8 12.b3! ♘d6 13.♘d2 cxb3 14.axb3 f5 15.f3±11...♕c7 12.a4 ♗d7 13.♘a3⩲11...e6 12.d6 ♕d7 (12...♗d7 13.a4 ♕c8 14.♘a3 a6 15.a5 ♕c6 16.f3 ♖fc8 17.♕d2 ♘e8 18.♖ad1 ♗f8 19.f4±) 13.♕e2 ♕xd6 (13...♕c6 14.♘d2 b5 15.a4 a6 16.b3⩲) 14.♕xc4 b5 15.♕e2⩲

12.♘d2

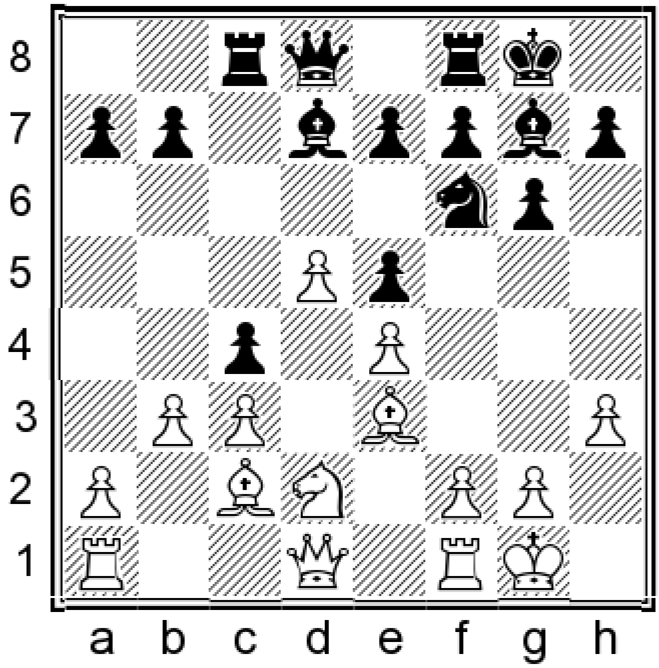
12.a4 e6 13.♘a3 exd5 14.exd5 ♖c8!? (14...♕c7 15.♖e1 ♘e8 16.b3⩲) 15.d6 ♕a5 (15...♗e6 16.♘b5 ♘d5 17.♗xa7 f5 18.a5⩲) 16.♕e2 ♖fd8 17.♖ad1 (17.♘xc4 ♕a6 18.b3 ♗e6 19.♖fd1 ♘d5=) 17...♕a6 18.♗g5 h6 19.♗h4 g5 20.♗g3 ♖c5 21.h4 (21.♘b5!? ♗xb5 22.axb5 ♕xb5 23.♗f5=∞) 21...♗xa4 22.hxg5 hxg5 23.♕e3 ♗xc2 24.♘xc2 ♕b6∞

12...♖c8

12...♕c7 13.♕e2 e6 14.d6 ♕xd6 15.♘xc4 ♕c7 16.a4 b5 17.♘d2 b4 18.c4 ♘h5 19.♖fd1 ♘f4 20.♕f1 f5 (20...♖fd8 21.g3 ♗f8 22.♘b3 ♘h5 23.c5±) 21.f3 ♗c6 22.c5 b3 23.♗d3 ♗h6 24.♔h1 ♘xd3 25.♕xd3±

13.♘f3

13.♕e2 ♕c7 (13...e6 14.♘xc4 ♗b5 15.♗d3 exd5 16.♘xe5±) 14.a4 (14.♖fd1 ♘h5⇄) 14...b6 15.a5 b5 16.a6 e6 (16...♘h5 17.♖fd1 ♘f4 18.♕f1 e6 19.d6 ♕b8 20.♘f3±) 17.d6 ♕b8 (17...♕xd6 18.♗xa7 ♖a8 19.♗e3 ♖xa6 20.♗c5 ♕xc5 21.♖xa6±) 18.♖fd1 ♖c6 19.f4 exf4 20.♗xf4 ♘h5 21.♗e3 (21.♗h2 e5) 21...♕xd6 (21...♖xd6?! 22.♕f2!±) 22.♗xa7 ♖xa6=13.b3



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13...♘e8

13...♕c7 14.♕d2 ♘h5 15.♖fd1 a6 16.a4±

14.♕d2

14.b4 cxb3 15.axb3 ♖xc3 16.♖xa7 ♘d6 17.♗d2 ♖c7 18.♗b4 ♗b5 19.♗d3 ♕d7 20.♖a5 ♗xd3 21.♕xd3 ♖fc8 22.♘d2 f5⇄14.a4!? ♕a5 15.♕e2 ♘d6 16.♖fd1 ♖cd8 17.♘h2 e6 18.♘g4 ♗c8 19.h4↑

14...♕c7

14...♕a5 15.♘g5!? ♘d6 16.a4 ♗h6 17.f4↑

15.a4

15.♖ad1 ♘d6 16.♘h2 ♕a5 17.♘g4 ♔h8 18.a4 ♗xa4!? 19.♖a1 b5 20.f4 exf4 21.♗xf4 ♕b6+ 22.♗e3 ♕d8 23.♗xa7 ♗xc2 24.♕xc2 f5 25.exf5 ♘xf5=

15...a5

15...♘d6 16.a5±15...♕a5!? 16.♘h2 ♘d6 17.♘g4 ♖cd8 18.f4 exf4 19.♗xf4 ♗xg4 (19...♕b6+ 20.♗e3 ♕xb2 21.e5↑)

20.hxg4 e6 21.♗e3 ♗e5⇄

16.♖ad1 ♘d6 17.♘h2

17.♘g5!? ♗h6 (17...h6 18.♘f3 ♔h7 19.♘h4! ♗f6 20.f4→) 18.f4 f6 19.fxe5 ♗xg5 20.♗xg5 fxg5 21.exd6 ♕b6+ (21...exd6 22.♕xg5±) 22.♕d4 (22.♔h1 exd6 23.♕xg5 ♕xb2 24.♕d2 ♕b6 (24...♕a2 25.e5±) 25.♔h2 ♖ce8) 22...♕xd4+ 23.cxd4 exd6 24.e5±

17...f5

17...♖cd8 18.♘g4 h5 19.♘h2 e6 20.f3! exd5 (20...♘c8 21.♕f2±) 21.♕xd5 ♗c6 22.♕c5±

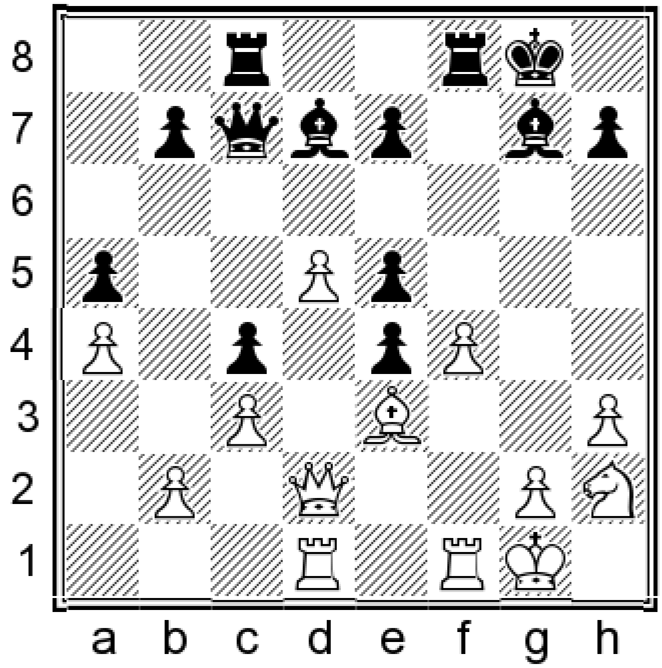
18.exf5 gxf5 19.f4

19.♗g5 ♖ce8 20.♘f3 ♘f7 21.♗xe7 ♖xe7 22.d6 ♘xd6 23.♕xd6 ♕xd6 24.♖xd6 e4 25.♘d4 ♖f6=

19...♘e4

19...e4 20.♕f2 b5!? (20...♖a8 21.♗b6 ♕c8 22.♖d2 ♕e8 23.♖a1 ♕h5 24.♘f1± Δ ♘e3) 21.axb5 ♗xb5 22.♗b6 ♕b7 23.♗xa5 ♖a8 24.♗b4 ♖a2 25.♗b1 ♖a4⯹

20.♗xe4 fxe4



21.♘g4± exf4

21...♗xg4 22.hxg4 exf4 23.♗xf4 ♕d7 24.♕e2 ♖f7 25.♕xe4 ♕xg4 26.g3 ♗h6 27.♕e6±

22.♖xf4!?

22.♗xf4 ♕b6+ 23.♔h2! (23.♗e3 ♕g6 24.♗d4 ♗xg4 25.hxg4 ♗h6 26.♕e2 ♗f4⇄) 23...♗xa4 24.♖de1 h5 25.♘e5 ♕d6 26.♘f7 ♕g6 27.♘g5 ♗d7 28.♖xe4±

22...h5

22...♗xa4 23.♖e1 ♗d7 24.♖xe4 ♗f5 25.♖d4!±

23.♘f2 ♖xf4

23...♗xa4 24.♖e1 ♖cd8 25.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 26.♗h6±

24.♗xf4 ♕b6 25.♖e1± ♗f5 26.♔h1

26.d6 ♕c5 27.dxe7 ♕xe7 28.♕d5+ ♕f7 29.♕xa5±

26...♕g6 27.♕e2 ♕f7 28.♘xe4 ♕xd5 29.♘g5 e5 30.♗g3 ♗g6 31.♗xe5 ♖e8 32.♘f3 ♖e6

32...♗h6 33.♕f2 ♗e4 34.♗d4±

33.♕e3 ♕d7 34.♕f2⊕

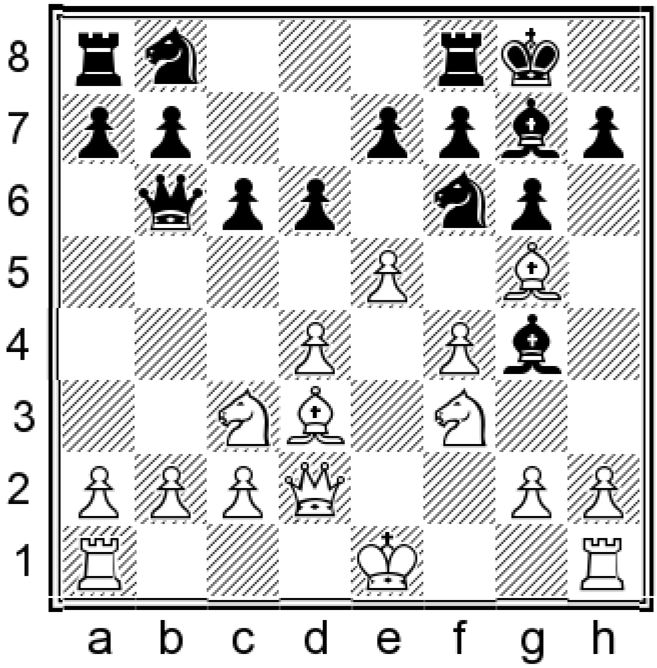
34.♕f2 ♕xa4 35.♗xg7 ♖xe1+ 36.♕xe1 ♔xg7 37.♕e5+ ♔g8 38.♔h2+-1-0

35. B07
Miron, Lucian Costin (2524) - Itkis, Boris (2379)
Iasi 130/35, 2016

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.♗g5 c6 5.f4 ♗g7 6.♘f3 O-O 7.♗d3 ♕b6

7...♗g4 - 93/(57)

8.♕d2 ♗g4 9.e5



9.♘a4 ♕c7 10.O-O-O (10.O-O ♘h5∞) 10...d5 11.♗xf6 exf6 12.f5 dxe4 13.♗xe4 ♘d7 14.h3 ♖fe8 15.♘c3 ♗xf3 16.♗xf3 ♖ad8 17.♔b1 ♘b6⇄9.O-O-O!? ♗xf3 10.gxf3 ♕xd4 11.f5 ♘bd7 12.♔b1≅

9...♖e8N

9...dxe5 10.fxe5 ♗xf3 11.gxf3 ♘fd7 12.O-O-O! (12.♗e3 c5! 13.♗e4 ♘c6∞) 12...♕xd4 13.f4 ♘c5 (13...e6 14.h4±) 14.♗xe7 ♘xd3+ 15.cxd3 ♖e8 16.♗d6 ♗h6 (16...♘d7 17.♖he1 ♘c5 18.f5!±) 17.♘e2 ♕d5 18.♔b1 ♘d7 19.♕c2 ♖ad8 20.♘c3 ♕d4 21.♖hf1 ♘f6 22.♘e4 ♘xe4 23.dxe4 ♕e3 24.f5±9...♘d5 10.♘xd5 (10.♘a4 ♕c7 11.O-O f6 12.exf6 exf6 13.♗h4 ♗xf3 14.♖xf3 f5 15.♗c4 b5 16.♗xd5+ cxd5 17.♘c3 ♕c4⇄) 10...cxd5 11.c3 (11.O-O-O dxe5 12.dxe5 ♘c6⇄) 11...f6 (11...♘d7 12.O-O-O f6 13.exf6 ♘xf6 14.h3 ♗xf3 15.gxf3 (Δ f5) 15...e6 16.♕e2 ♖ae8 17.♗b5 ♖e7 18.f5! gxf5 19.h4±) 12.exf6 exf6 13.♗h4 ♗xf3 14.gxf3 ♖e8+ 15.♔f2 f5 16.♔g2 ♘d7 17.a4 a6 (17...♘f6 18.♗xf6 ♗xf6 19.h4± |^)

18.a5 ♕c6 19.♗g5 ♘f6 20.♗c2±9...♗xf3 10.gxf3 ♘h5!? (10...♘d5 11.♘xd5 (11.O-O-O!? ♕xd4 12.♘xd5 ♕xd5 13.♗xe7 ♕xa2 14.♕b4±) 11...cxd5 12.O-O-O!? (12.c3 f6 13.exf6 exf6 14.♗h4 ♖e8+ 15.♔f1 f5 16.♔g2 - 9...♘d5) 12...♕xd4 13.♗xe7 ♖e8 14.c3 ♕a4 15.♗xd6 ♗h6 16.♔b1 ♕xf4 17.♕xf4 ♗xf4 18.♗b5±) 11.♗xe7 ♗h6! 12.♘e2 ♘xf4 13.♔f1!? (13.♘xf4 ♕xd4 14.♗xf8 ♗xf4 15.♕c3 (15.♕a5 ♔xf8 16.♕d8+ ♔g7 17.♕xd6 ♕e3+ 18.♗e2 ♗g5⇄) 15...♕e3+ 16.♗e2 ♕xc3+ 17.bxc3 ♔xf8 18.exd6 ♘d7! 19.♖d1 ♖d8 20.♔f2 ♘c5=) 13...♘d7 (13...♕xb2 14.♖e1 dxe5 15.♗xf8 ♗xf8 16.♘xf4 ♗b4 17.♕c1±) 14.♗xf8 ♘xf8 15.♘xf4 ♕xb2 16.♕c1 ♕xc1+ (16...♕xd4 17.♘e2±) 17.♖xc1 ♗xf4 18.♖b1 ♖b8 19.exd6 ♗xd6 20.♗e4±

10.O-O-O

10.♘a4 ♕d8 (10...♕c7 11.O-O ♘d5 (11...♗xf3 12.♖xf3 ♘fd7 13.♖af1 f5 14.g4!±) 12.c4 ♘b6 13.♘c3 ♘a6 14.f5±) 11.O-O-O (11.O-O ♗xf3 12.♖xf3 dxe5 13.dxe5 ♘e4∓) 11...♘d5 12.♘c3 ♘xc3 13.♕xc3 ♘d7!? (13...♕b6 14.f5 ♘a6 15.fxg6 hxg6 16.♗c4 ♕b4 17.♕d3±) 14.exd6 ♘f6 15.dxe7 ♕xe7 16.f5 (16.♖he1 ♕d6 17.f5 ♘d5∞) 16...♘e4 17.♗xe7 ♘xc3 18.bxc3 ♖xe7 19.♖de1 ♖xe1+ 20.♖xe1 ♗xf3 21.gxf3 ♗f8=

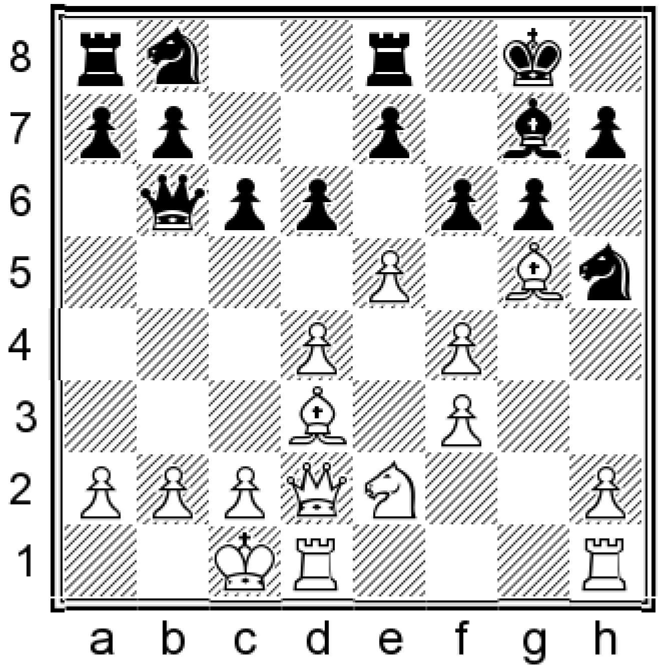
10...♗xf3

10...♘h5 11.f5 dxe5 (11...♗xf3 12.gxf3 ♕xd4 13.e6±) 12.dxe5 ♗xf3 13.gxf3 ♗xe5 14.fxg6 hxg6 15.f4±⌓10...♘d5 11.♘xd5 cxd5 12.c3 f6 13.exf6 exf6 14.♗h4 ♘c6 15.h3 ♗xf3 16.gxf3 f5 17.♗f2±

11.gxf3 ♘h5 12.♘e2

12.f5!? - 10...♘h5

12...f6?!

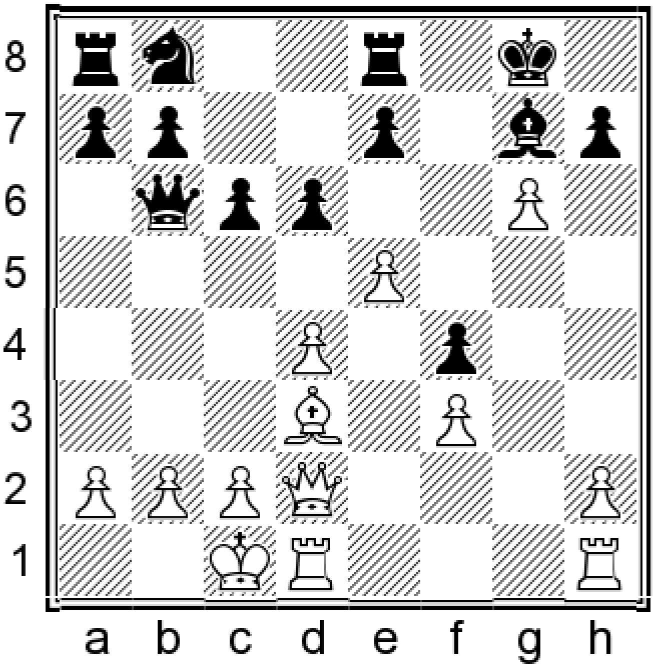


12...dxe5 13.fxe5 ♘d7 14.♔b1 c5 15.c3 ♖ad8 16.f4 f6 17.♗h4 ♔h8 18.♕c2±12...♘d7 13.♘g3 ♘xg3 14.hxg3 ♘f8 15.c3±

13.f5! fxg5 14.fxg6

14.♕xg5! dxe5 15.fxg6 h6 16.♕xh5 exd4 17.♘f4 e5 18.♘e6! ♖xe6 19.♗c4+-

14...♘f4 15.♘xf4 gxf4



16.♕xf4?

16.gxh7+ ♔h8 17.♖hg1 ♕xd4 18.♖xg7 ♔xg7 19.♕g2+ ♔h8 20.♖g1 ♕xg1+ 21.♕xg1 ♘d7 22.exd6 exd6 23.♕g6+-

16...♘d7?

16...♔h8! 17.♗c4 (17.♕h4 h6 18.♖he1 ♘d7) 17...♘d7 18.♕g4 e6 19.f4 dxe5 20.dxe5 ♘c5∓

17.gxh7+ ♔h8 18.♕g4

18.♖hg1+-

18...♘xe5 19.dxe5 ♕e3+ 20.♔b1 ♕xe5 21.c3 ♖f8 22.♖hg1

22.♖he1 ♕f6 (22...♕xh2 23.♖xe7+-) 23.♖g1 ♖f7 24.♖g3+-

22...♖f4 23.♕g3

23.♕h3! ♕f6 (23...♖af8 24.♖g3 e6 25.♖dg1 ♖8f7 26.a3 ∆ ♖g6+-) 24.♖g3 ♖f8 25.♗e4+- ∆ ♖dg1

23...♕f6 24.♖df1

24.♕h3 ♖xf3 25.♕d7±

24...b5⊕

⌓24...e5

25.♖f2 ♖f8 26.♗c2?⊕

26.♖fg2 ♖f7 27.♕h3 e6 (27...♖xf3 28.♖xg7+-) 28.♖g6 ♕e7 29.♖xe6 ♕d7 30.♕h6+-

26...b4⇄ 27.h4

27.♖fg2 ♖xf3 28.♕xg7+ ♕xg7 29.♖xg7 ♖f1+ 30.♗d1 ♖xd1+ 31.♖xd1 ♔xg7 32.cxb4 ♔xh7=

27...bxc3 28.♕g5?

28.h5 cxb2 29.♖fg2 ♖f7 30.♕f2 ♕h6□ 31.♕xa7 ♖xf3 32.♕a6□ ♕f6 33.♗d3! ♕c3 34.♗c2 (∆ h6) 34...♕f6 35.♗d3=

28...♕xg5 29.♖xg5 cxb2

29...♖xh4∓

30.♖fg2 ♖8f7∓ 1/2-1/2

36. B07
Campelo, Leandro Fabricio (2191) - Rodriguez, Andres (2447)
Brasil 130/36, 2016

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 g6 4.♗e3 c6 5.♕d2 b5 6.f3 ♕c7 7.h4

7.O-O-O - 49/164

7...♘bd7 8.g4 ♘b6 9.h5 b4!?N

9...♖g8

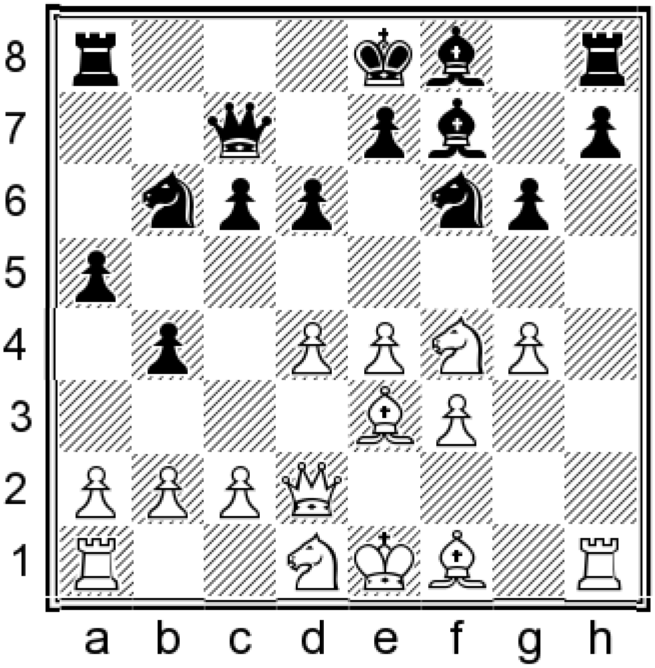
10.♘d1 a5 11.hxg6 fxg6 12.♘h3 ♗e6?!

12...♗g7 13.a3 (13.♗h6 O-O 14.♗xg7 ♔xg7 15.♘f4±) 13...c5 14.dxc5 dxc5 15.axb4 cxb4 16.♕d4±

13.♘f4

13.a3! bxa3 14.♖xa3 ♘c4 15.♗xc4 ♗xc4 16.♕c3 ♗f7 17.d5±

13...♗f7



14.d5!?

14.g5! ♘h5 (14...♘fd7 15.♗h3±) 15.♘xh5 gxh5 16.a3±

14...cxd5

14...♗g7 15.♗d4 cxd5 (15...c5 16.♗b5+ ♔f8 17.♗e3±) 16.exd5 O-O 17.♘e3±

15.♗b5+ ♔d8!?

15...♘bd7 16.exd5 ♖b8 17.♗a4 ♔d8 18.♗d4±

16.g5 ♘fd7 17.♗xd7?!

17.♘xd5! ♗xd5 (17...♘xd5 18.exd5 ♗g7 19.♗d4±) 18.exd5 ♗g7 19.♗d4±

17...♔xd7

17...♘c4!? 18.♕d3 ♔xd7 19.exd5 ♗g7∓

18.exd5 ♗g7 19.♗d4 ♘c4 20.♕f2 ♗e5

20...♗xd4 21.♕xd4 ♖ac8∞

21.♗xe5 dxe5 22.♘d3 ♖ac8 23.O-O ♗xd5 24.♘e3 ♘xe3

24...♕d6!? 25.♘xd5 ♕xd5 26.♖ae1∞

25.♕xe3 ♔e8 26.♖ae1 ♖f8 27.♘xe5 ♖f5 28.♖f2 ♔f8?!

28...♕c5∞

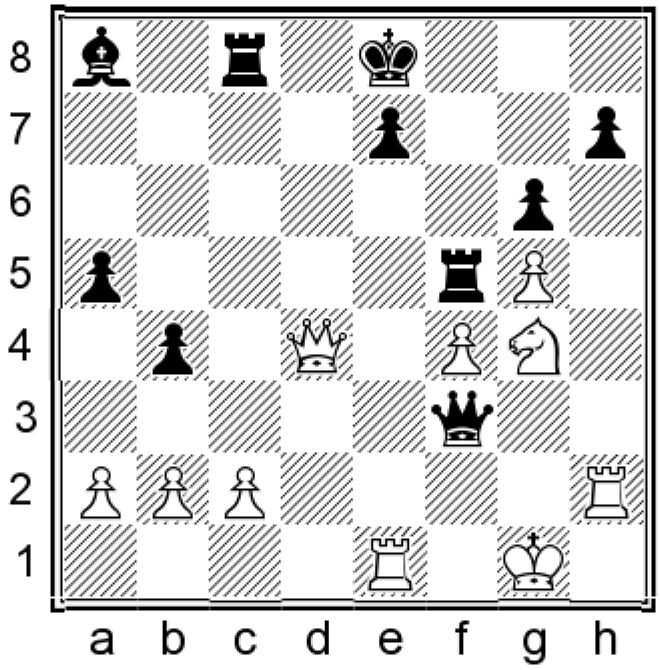
29.f4!± ♗a8 30.♖h2 ♕b7??

30...♔g8! 31.♖d1 ♖d8 32.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 33.♖d2 ♕c7 34.♔h2 ♕b7 35.♔g3 ♕e4 (35...♕h1 36.♘xg6+-) 36.♕xe4 ♗xe4 37.♖d7±

31.♕d4! ♔e8 32.♘g4

32.♖d1!+-

32...♕f3?



32...h5 33.♕h8+ ♔d7 34.♕g7 ♕b6+ 35.♖f2+-

33.♖xe7+! ♔xe7 34.♖xh7+ ♖f7 35.♕f6+! 1-0

37. B12
Topalov, Veselin (2760) - Nakamura, Hikaru (2779)
London 130/37, 2016

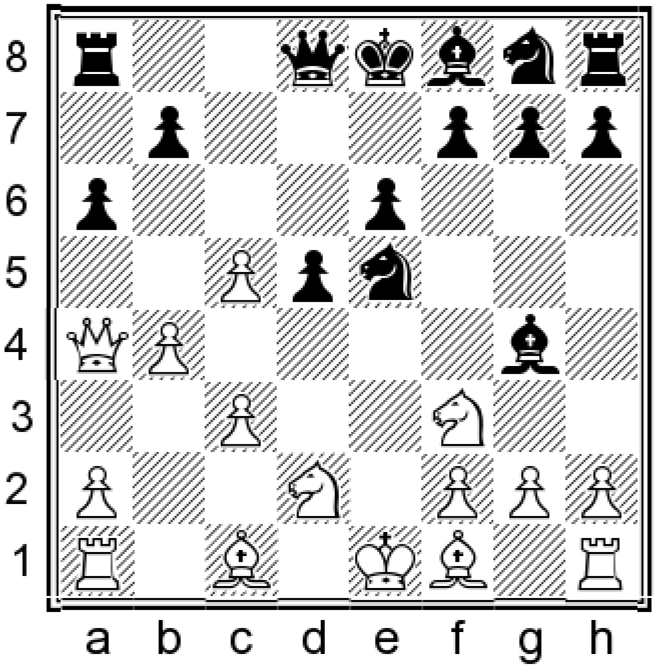
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.dxc5 ♘c6 5.♘f3 ♗g4 6.c3

6.♗b5 - 114/39

6...e6 7.b4 a6

7...♘xe5? 8.♕a4+ ♘d7 9.♘e5 ♘f6 10.♗b5 ♕c7 (10...♗f5 11.♗g5+-) 11.♗xd7++-

8.♘bd2 ♘xe5 9.♕a4+



9...♘d7!?N

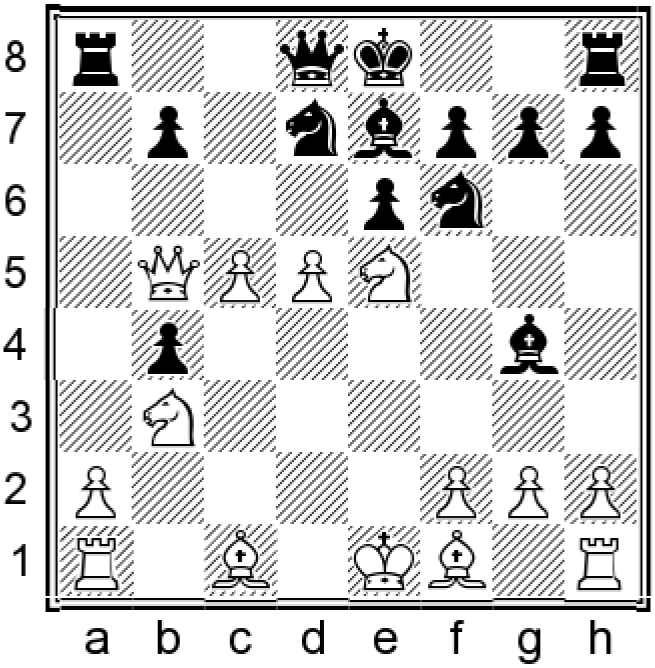
9...♕d7

10.♘e5 ♘f6 11.c4?!

11.♘xg4 ♘xg4 12.♗e2 ♘e5 13.♗b2 ♗e7 14.c4±

11...a5 12.♘b3 axb4 13.♕b5 ♗e7 14.c6?!

14.cxd5



14...O-O! 15.♘xg4 ♘xg4 16.h3 ♘xf2! 17.♔xf2 ♘xc5 18.♘xc5 (18.♗b2? ♕xd5→) 18...♗xc5+ 19.♕xc5 ♕f6+ 20.♔g3 ♕xa1 21.♗d3 ♖ac8 22.♕e3 ♖fd8 23.dxe6! ♖xd3 24.exf7+ ♔f8 (24...♔xf7 25.♕xd3 ♖c3 26.♖f1+ ♔g8 27.♗e3 ♖xd3 28.♖xa1 ♖xe3+ 29.♔f4 ♖a3 (29...♖e2 30.♖b1=) 30.♖b1=) 25.♕xd3 ♖c3 26.♗e3! ♖xd3 27.♖xa1 ♖xe3+ 28.♔f4 ♖a3 29.♖b1=

14...bxc6 15.♘xc6 ♕c7 16.f3

16.♘xe7 ♖b8 17.♕a5 ♕e5+ 18.♗e3 ♔xe7∓

16...♗f5 17.♘xe7 ♖b8 18.♘xf5

18.♕a5 ♕e5+ 19.♔f2 ♔xe7∓

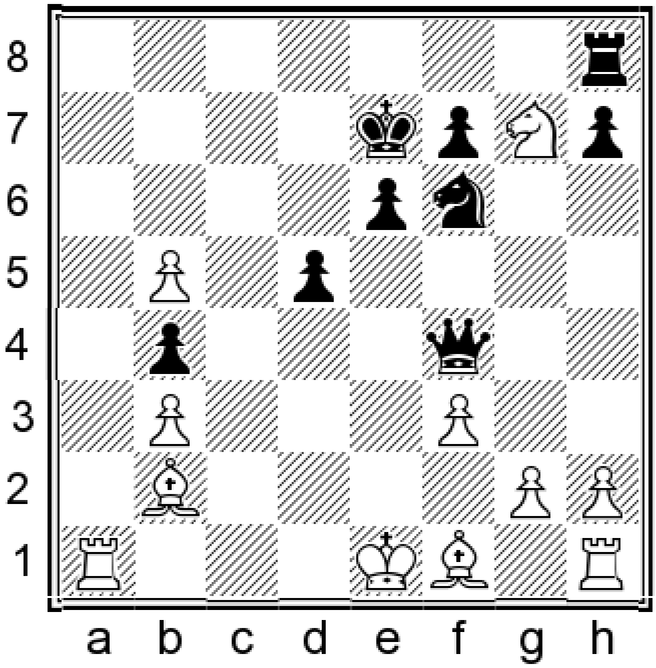
18...♖xb5 19.♘xg7+ ♔e7

19...♔f8!? 20.♘xe6+ fxe6 21.cxb5 ♖g8∓

20.cxb5 ♘c5?

20...♕e5+ 21.♔d1 (21.♗e2 ♘c5 22.♖b1 ♘d3+ 23.♔f1 ♘xc1 24.♘xc1 ♖c8 25.♘d3 ♕e3-+) 21...♘c5 22.♖b1 ♘fe4! 23.fxe4 ♘xe4 24.♖b2 ♘c3+ 25.♔d2 ♕xg7-+

21.♗b2 ♘xb3 22.axb3 ♕f4



23.♗e2?!

23.♖a7+! ♘d7 (23...♔f8 24.♘xe6+ fxe6 25.♔d1!∞) 24.♘f5+ exf5 (24...♕xf5? 25.♗xh8±) 25.♖xd7+ (25.♗xh8? ♕e3+-+) 25...♔xd7 26.♗xh8 ♕e3+ 27.♔d1 ♕xb3+ 28.♔d2 ♕a2+ 29.♔c1 ♕a3+ 30.♔d2=

23...♖c8 24.♖d1 ♕g5 25.b6?

25.O-O ♕xg7 (25...♖c2 26.♘f5+! exf5 (26...♕xf5? 27.♗d3+-) 27.♗c1 f4 28.♖fe1=∞) 26.♗d4 ♖c2 27.♖f2 ♕h6 28.g3 ♖c1 29.f4 ♖xd1+ 30.♗xd1=∞

25...♖c2 26.♗xf6+ ♕xf6 27.♘h5?!

27.b7! ♕c3+ 28.♔f1 ♕c7 29.♘h5 ♕xb7∓

27...♕c3+ 28.♔f1 ♕e3 29.♖e1 ♕xb6

29...d4 30.b7 d3!-+

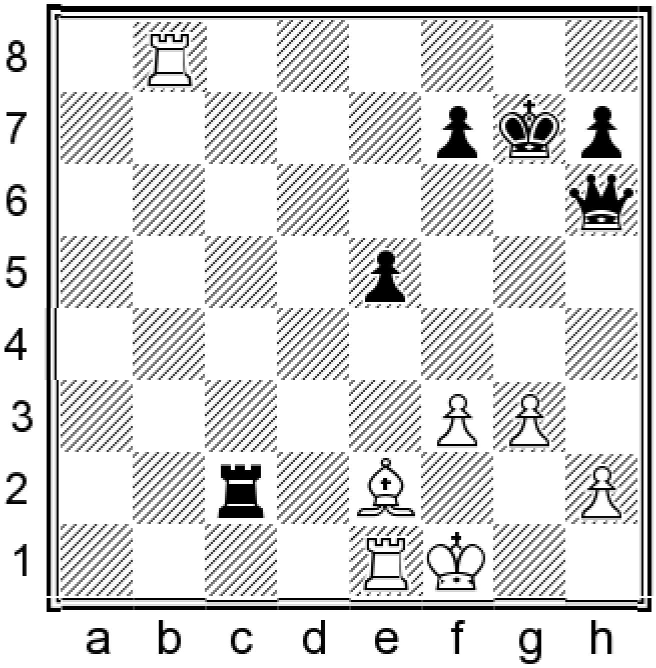
30.♘f4 ♕e3 31.g3 ♕xb3 32.♔g2 ♔f8 33.♔h3 ♕b2 34.♖b1

34.♗d3 ♖d2 35.♖b1 ♕f6-+

34...♕f6 35.♖he1

35.♖xb4 ♕h6+ 36.♔g2 e5-+

35...e5 36.♘xd5 ♕e6+ 37.♔g2 ♕xd5 38.♖xb4 ♕d2 39.♖b8+ ♔g7 40.♔f1 ♕h6?!



40...e4 41.fxe4 ♕h6-+

41.♔g2?

41.♖b4! ♕h3+ (41...♕xh2?? 42.♖h4) 42.♔g1 ♕e6∓

41...e4! 42.♖b3

42.fxe4 ♕h5! 43.♔f1 ♕xh2 44.♖b3 h5-+

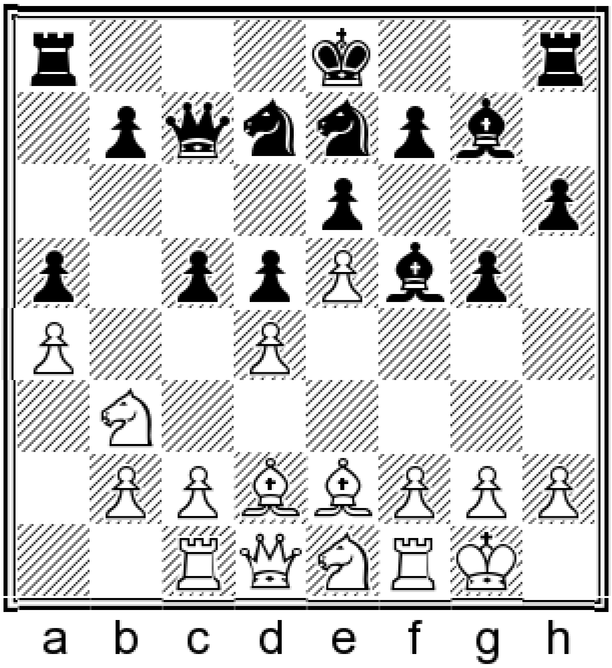
42...♕e6 43.♖e3 exf3+ 44.♔xf3 ♕h3-+ 45.♖d1 ♕h5+ 46.♔f2 ♕xh2+ 47.♔f3 ♖c6 48.♖d4 ♖g6 49.g4 ♖f6+ 50.♔e4 ♕h1+ 51.♔d3 ♕b1+ 52.♔d2 ♕b2+ 53.♔d3 ♖c6 0-1

38.* B12
Jakovenko, Dmitrij (2714) - Riazantsev, Alexander (2651)
Russia (ch) 130/38, 2016

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘f3 e6 5.♗e2 ♘e7 6.O-O h6 7.♘bd2 ♘d7 8.♘b3 ♕c7

8...♗h7 - 126/36

9.♗d2 g5 10.♖c1 a5 11.a4 ♗g7 12.♘e1 c5N



12...♗g6 - 130/(38) 13.♘d3 b6 14.f4 ♘f5?! (14...g4 15.♗xg4 c5 16.f5!? ♘xf5 (16...exf5 17.♗f3 c4 18.♘f4 cxb3 19.c4±) 17.♘f4 c4 18.♘xd5 ♕b7 (18...exd5 19.♗xf5 ♗xf5 20.♖xf5 cxb3 21.cxb3 ♕b7 22.♕g4+-) 19.♘f4 cxb3 20.♘xg6 fxg6 21.♗f3 ♕a6 22.c3!? ♖c8 (22...O-O 23.♗xa8 ♕xa8 24.♕xb3±) 23.♗e2 ♕b7 24.♕xb3±) 15.fxg5 hxg5 16.♗xg5 f6 17.♘f4± Farley,T (2203)-Rasmussen,A (2522) Baku (ol) 130/(38) 201612...O-O

13.c3?!

13.c4! cxd4 (13...dxc4 14.♖xc4 b6 15.f4↑) 14.♘xd4 (14.cxd5 ♕xe5 15.dxe6 ♕xe6 16.♗xa5 O-O∞) 14...♕xe5 15.♘ef3 ♕d6 16.♘b5 ♕b8 17.cxd5 ♘xd5 18.♖c8+ ♕xc8 19.♘d6+ ♔e7 20.♘xc8+ ♖hxc8 21.♗b5±

13...c4 14.♘a1 ♘b6 15.b3 O-O-O?!

⌓15...O-O 16.f4 cxb3 17.♕xb3 ♘c4∓

16.♘ec2 f6 17.exf6 ♗xf6 18.♘a3

18.bxc4 dxc4 19.♘e3∞18.♘e3!? ♕c6 19.♖e1 ♖hf8 20.♘xf5 ♘xf5 21.♖b1±

18...♔b8 19.♗e3?!

19.bxc4 ♘xc4 20.♘xc4 dxc4 21.♘c2 e5 22.♘a3±

19...♘ec8 20.♘b5 ♕d7 21.♕d2 ♘d6 22.♘xd6 ♕xd6 23.♕b2 ♖c8 24.♘c2 ♗e7 25.♖a1 cxb3 26.♕xb3 ♘c4

26...♕c7 27.♖fc1 (27.♖fb1 ♘c4 28.♗xc4 dxc4 29.♕b2 ♗d6∓) 27...♗d6 28.h3 ♘c4∞

27.♗c1?!

27.♗xc4 dxc4 28.♕b2 ♗d3 29.♖fb1 ♕c6 30.♕c1∞

27...♕c7↑ 28.♖a2 ♖h7 29.♖e1 ♗d6 30.h3 h5

⌓30...♗f4

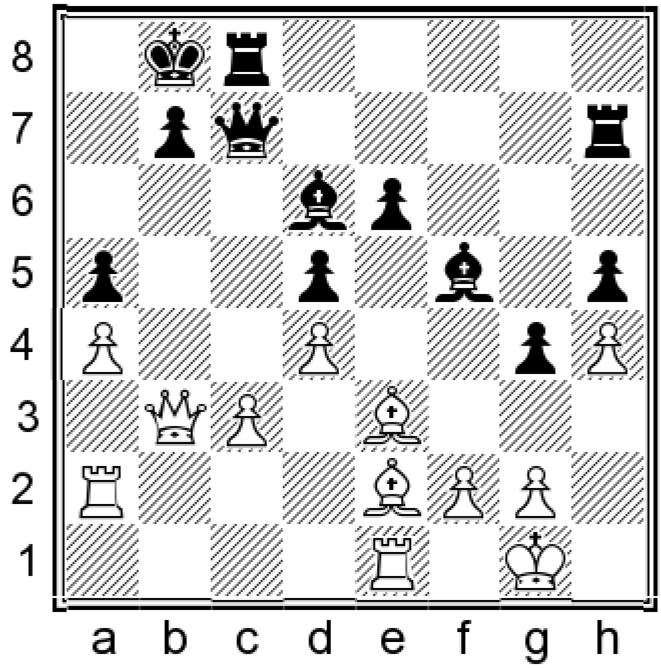
31.♘e3?

31.♗xc4 ♕xc4 (31...dxc4 32.♕b5∞) 32.♕xc4 ♖xc4 33.♘e3 ♖xc3 34.♘xf5 exf5 35.♗xg5=

31...♘xe3 32.♗xe3 g4

32...♕xc3 33.♕xc3 ♖xc3 34.♗xg5=

33.h4



33...g3! 34.♖b2

34.f3 ♗f4!-+

34...gxf2+ 35.♗xf2 ♗e4 36.♕b6 ♖g8 37.♗f1 ♗h2+ 38.♔h1 ♖hg7 39.♕xe6?

39.♖xe4 dxe4 40.♕xe6 ♕xc3 41.♖b3 ♕c7∓

39...♖xg2-+ 40.♖xb7+ ♔xb7 0-1

39. B12
Volokitin, Andrei (2647) - Fridman, Daniel (2618)
Baku (ol) 130/39, 2016

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘f3 e6 5.♗e2 c5 6.♗e3 cxd4 7.♘xd4 ♘e7 8.O-O ♘bc6 9.♗b5 ♗g6 10.c4 a6 11.cxd5

11.♗xc6+ - 117/38

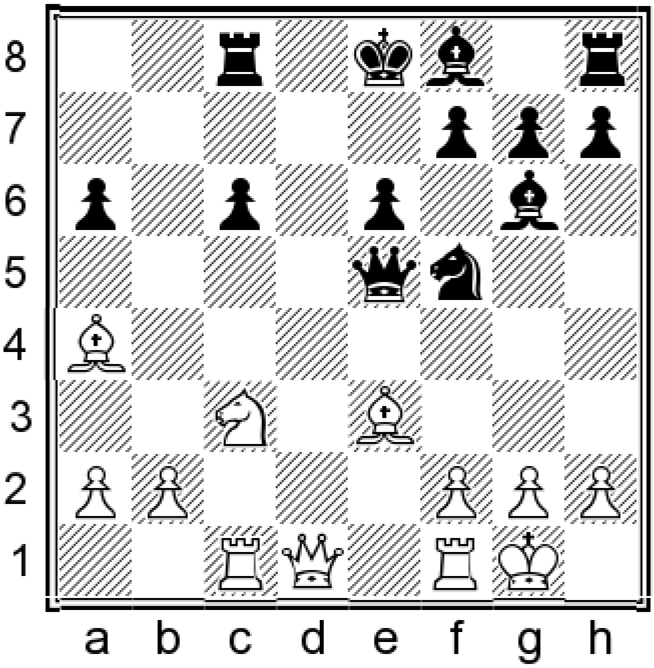
11...♕xd5N

11...axb5

12.♘c3 ♕xe5 13.♗a4 ♖c8

13...♖d8 14.♕b3 b5 15.♘xc6 ♘xc6 16.♘xb5 axb5 17.♗xb5 ♗e4 18.♕a4 ♖c8 19.♖ac1 ♗d6 20.g3±

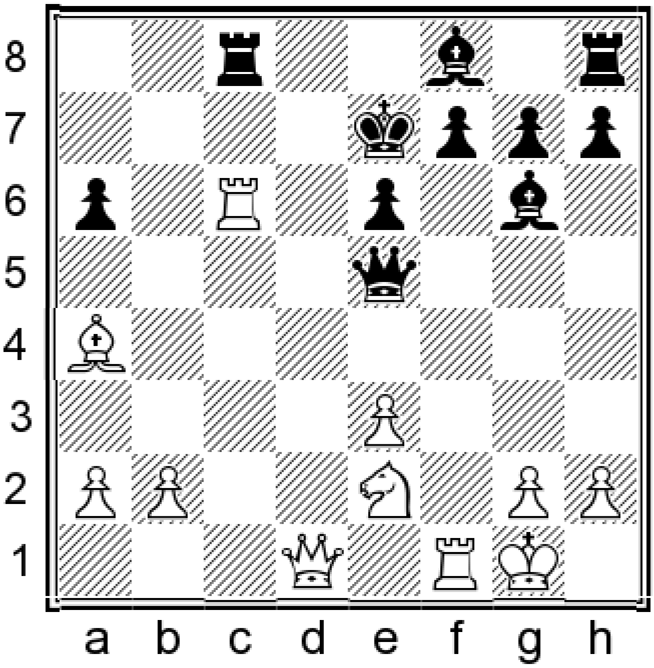
14.♖c1 ♘f5 15.♘xc6 bxc6



16.♘e2! ♘xe3 17.♖xc6 ♔e7!

17...♘xd1 18.♖xe6+ ♔d8 19.♖xe5 ♗d6 20.♖xd1 ♔c7 21.♖a5±

18.fxe3



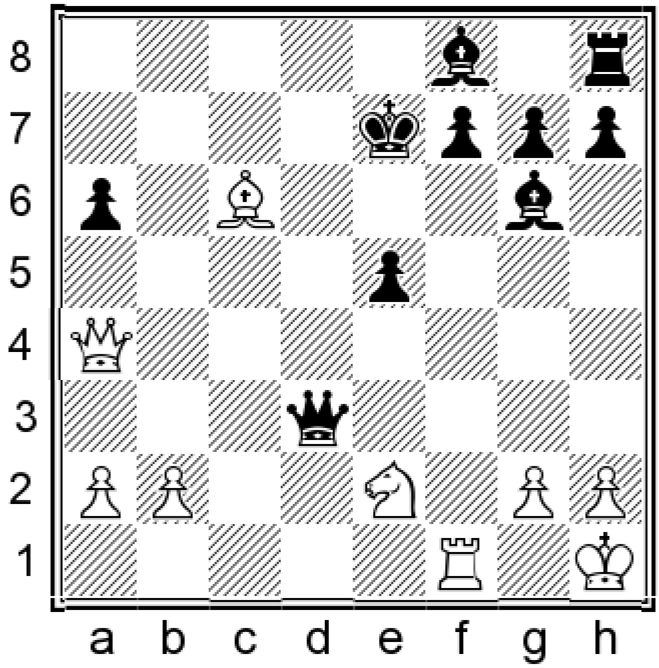
18...♕xe3+??

18...♖xc6☐ 19.♗xc6 f5☐ 20.♘d4 (20.♘f4 ♗e8!⇄) 20...♔f6 21.♘f3 ♕d6!±

19.♔h1+- ♖xc6 20.♗xc6 ♕d3

20...f5 21.♘d4+-20...♗d3 21.♕b3! ♔d6 22.♘c1!?+-

21.♕a4! e5



21...♗f5 22.♘g3 h5 23.♖d1 ♕e3 24.♕h4+!! g5 25.♘xh5!+-

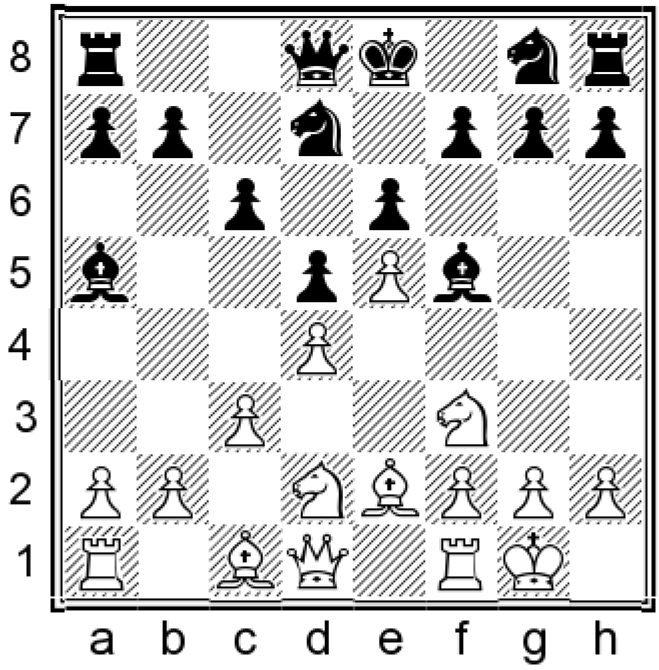
22.♖d1! ♕xe2 23.♕b4+

23.♕b4+ ♔f6 (23...♔e6 24.♗d7+ ♔f6 25.♕h4#) 24.♕h4+ ♔e6 (24...♔f5 25.♗d7#) 25.♗d7#1-0

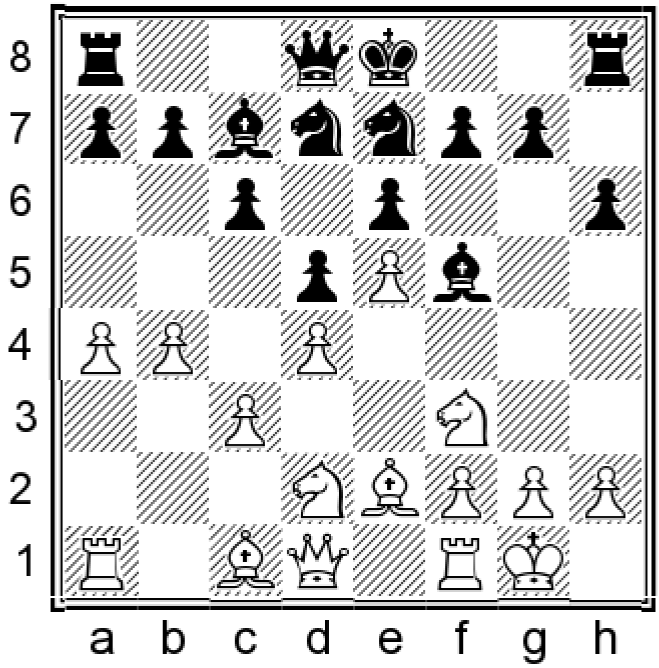
40.** B12**
Caruana, Fabiano (2808) - Bareev, Evgeny (2675)
Baku (ol) 130/40, 2016

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘f3 e6 5.♗e2 ♘d7

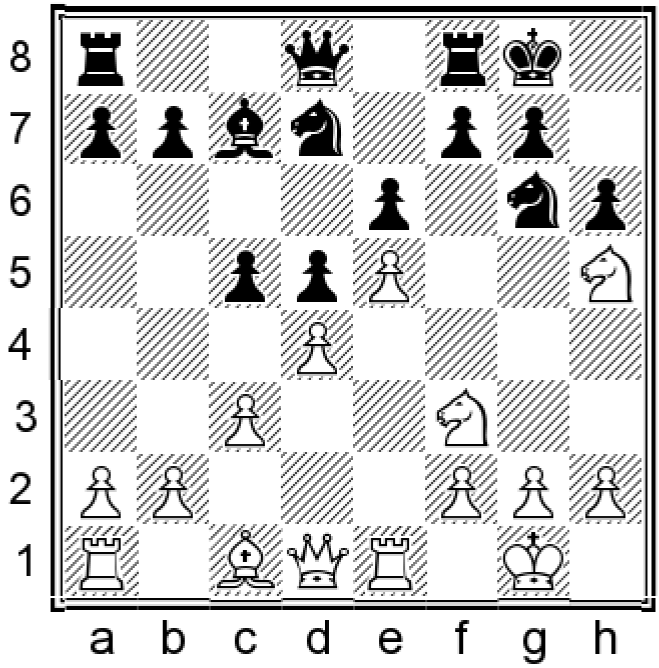
5...♗b4+ 6.c3 ♗a5 7.O-O ♘d7 8.♘bd2



8...♗c7 (8...h6 9.b4 ♗c7 10.a4N (10.♘b3) 10...♘e7



11.♖e1 (11.♘b3N O-O 12.♘h4 ♗h7 13.f4 a5 14.♗d3 ♗e4 15.♗a3 f5 16.bxa5 ♖f7 17.♗b4 g5! 18.fxg5 hxg5 19.♘f3 ♘g6 20.♕d2 (20.g3 g4 21.♗xe4 dxe4 22.♘fd2 ♕g5 23.♘c4∞) 20...♗xd3 21.♕xd3 g4 22.♘fd2 ♕g5↑ Kosteniuk,A (2537) -Dreev,A (2660) Russia (rapid) 130/(40) 2016) 11...O-O 12.♘f1 f6 13.exf6 ♖xf6 (13...♘xf6 14.♘g3 ♘e4=) 14.♘g3 ♗g4 15.♘h4 ♗xe2 16.♕xe2 ♘f5 17.♘hxf5 exf5 18.♕f3 ♕f8 (18...f4! 19.♘h5 ♖f7 20.♗xf4 ♗xf4 21.♘xf4 ♕b8 22.g3 g5 23.♕g4 ♘f6 24.♕f5 gxf4 25.♕g6+ ♔f8 26.♕xh6+ ♔g8 27.♕g6+=) 19.♘h5 ♖f7 20.♗f4± Van Foreest,J (2615)-Basso,P (2428) Douglas 130/(40) 2016) 9.♖e1 h6N (9...♕e7) 10.♘f1 ♘e7 (10...♗g6N 11.♘g3 c5 12.♗d3 ♘e7 13.♗xg6 ♘xg6 14.♘h5 O-O



15.♕d2! ♘h4 16.♕f4 ♘xf3+ 17.♕xf3 (17.gxf3!?) 17...♕h4!± Adams,M (2738) -Mamedyarov,S (2761) Baku (ol) 130/(40) 2016) 11.♘g3 ♗g6 12.♘h4 ♗h7 13.f4 c5 14.♗d3 (14.f5! ♘xf5 15.♘hxf5 ♗xf5 16.♘xf5 exf5 17.♕c2↑) 14...♗xd3 15.♕xd3 cxd4 16.cxd4 ♘c6 17.♘f3∞ Grischuk,A (2747)-Andreikin,D (2743) ICC (blitz) 130/(40) 2016

6.O-O ♗g6 7.a4

7.♘bd2 ♘h6 8.♘b3 ♗e7! - 129/ 43

7...♘e7

7...♘h6 8.a5 a6 9.♗f4 ♗e7 10.c4! ♘f5 11.h3 O-O 12.♘c3±

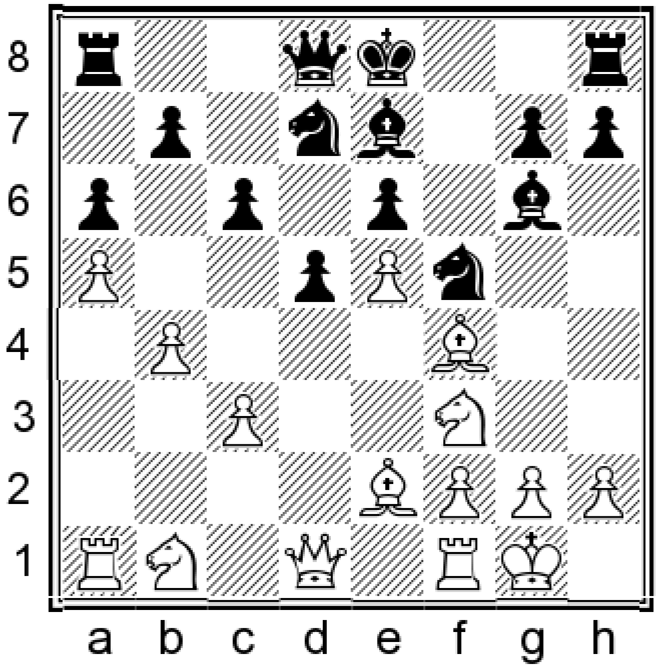
8.a5 a6 9.b4 ♘f5 10.c3 f6 11.♗f4N

11.♘bd2

11...fxe5 12.dxe5!

12.♘xe5 ♘xe5 13.♗xe5 ♗d6 14.♗xd6 ♘xd6 15.♘d2 O-O 16.♘f3 ♘f7=

12...♗e7

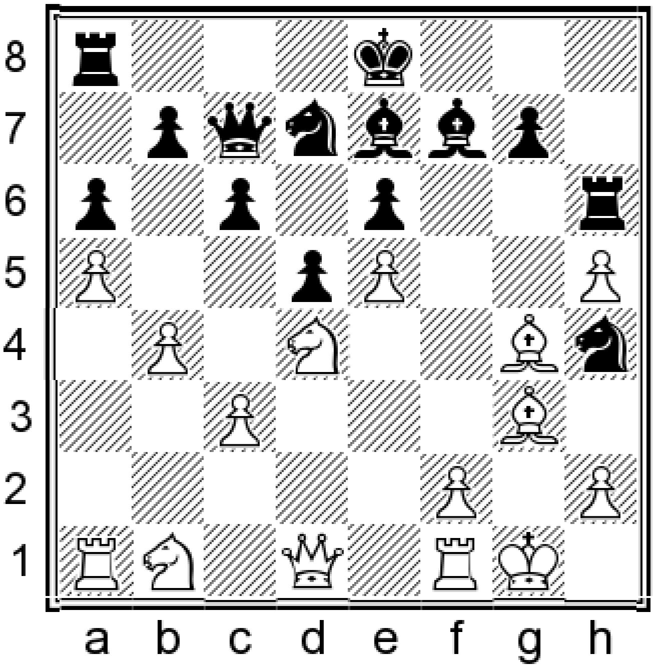


12...h5?! 13.♘g5 ♕e7 14.♘d2 O-O-O 15.♘df3±

13.g4! ♘h4 14.♘d4 ♗f7 15.♗g3 h5?!

15...c5 16.bxc5 ♘xc5 17.♘d2 O-O (17...♘e4? 18.♘xe4 dxe4 19.♕a4+ ♕d7 20.♖fb1+-) 18.f4± ∆ f5

16.gxh5 ♕c7 17.♗g4 ♖h6



18.f4! c5 19.bxc5 ♕xc5

19...♘xc5 20.f5 O-O-O 21.fxe6 ♗xe6 22.♖f7+-

20.♔h1 O-O-O 21.♘d2

21.♕e1 ♖dh8 (21...♘f5 22.♗xf5 exf5 23.e6+-) (21...♗xh5 22.♗xh5 ♖xh5 23.♘xe6 ♕c6 24.♘xd8 ♗xd8 25.♘d2+-) 22.♗xh4 ♗xh4 23.♕xh4 ♗xh5 24.♖f2+-

21...♖dh8

21...♘f8 22.♗xh4 ♗xh4 23.f5 ♕e7 (23...♗e7 24.fxe6 ♗g8 25.♘f5 ♖h8 26.♘b3 ♕c7 27.♘bd4+-) 24.fxe6 ♗xe6 (24...♘xe6 25.♘f5+-) 25.♖xf8 ♖xf8 26.♗xe6+ ♖xe6 27.♕g4 ♖e8 28.♘xe6 ♕xe6 29.♕xh4+-

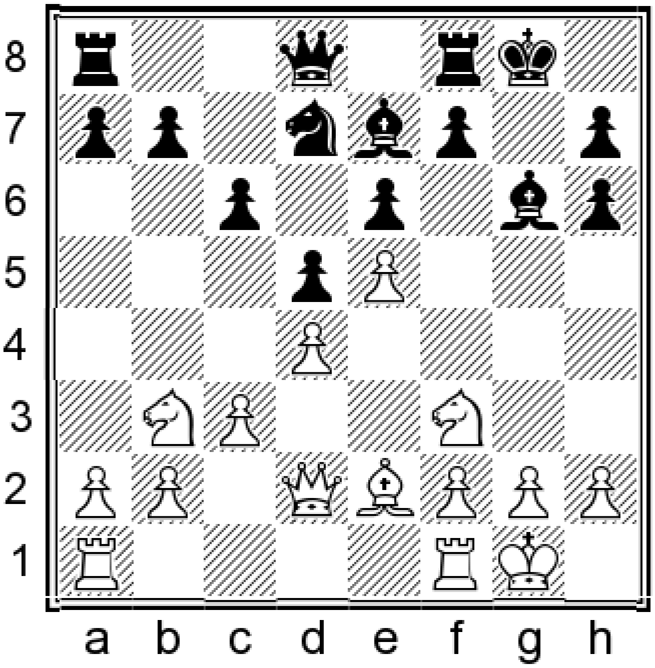
22.♕e1 ♗xh5 23.♗xe6 ♗e8 24.f5 ♗d8 25.♖f4! g5

25...♕c7 26.♖g4 g5 27.♗xd5+-

26.♖f2 ♗c7 27.♕e3 ♔b8 28.f6 ♘f8 29.♗g4 ♘hg6 30.♘2b3 ♕a7 31.f7 1-0

41. B12
Volokitin, Andrei (2647) - Gelashvili, Tamaz (2575)
Baku (ol) 130/41, 2016

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 ♗f5 4.♘f3 e6 5.♗e2 ♘d7 6.O-O ♘h6 7.♘bd2 ♗e7 8.♘b3 O-O 9.c3 ♗g6 10.♗xh6 gxh6 11.♕d2



11...h5N

11...♔g7 - 96/69

12.g3 c5 13.♖ae1

13.♘xc5 ♘xc5 14.dxc5 ♗xc5 15.♗d3 ♖c8 16.♔g2 ♕b6 17.♖ad1 ♖fd8 18.a3∞

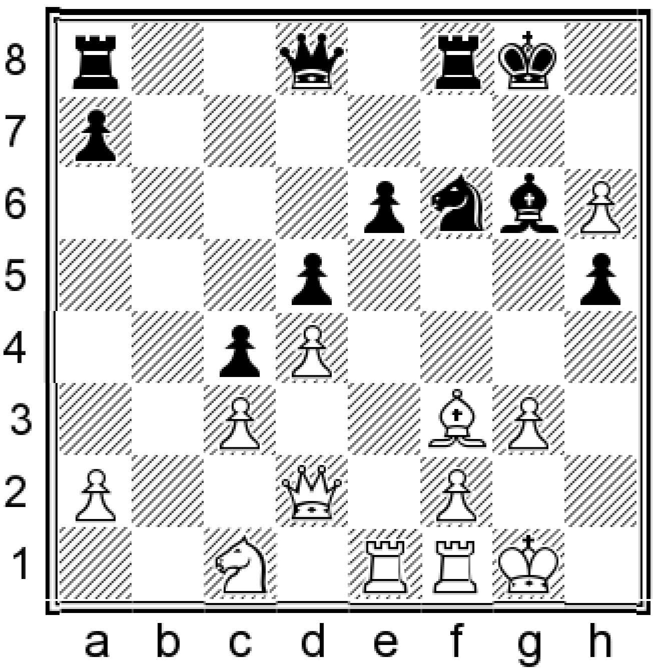
13...c4 14.♘c1 b5 15.h4 b4 16.♘g5 bxc3 17.bxc3 ♗xg5

⌓17...♖b8

18.hxg5 h6?!

18...♕a5⇄ ∆ ♖fb8

19.gxh6 f6 20.exf6 ♘xf6 21.♗f3



21...♕d6?

RR21...♘e4! 22.♗xe4 dxe4! (22...♗xe4 23.f3 ♗f5 24.♔g2±) 23.f3 (23.♘e2 ♖f3 24.♘f4 ♕g5∞) 23...exf3 24.♖xe6 ♗f5 25.♖e5 ♗g4∞

22.♕g5

22.♘e2! ♔h7 23.♘f4±

22...♔h7 23.♘e2 ♖g8! 24.♕xf6?

24.♕f4 ♕e7 25.♕h4↑

24...♖af8 25.♕h4

25.♕e5 ♕xe5 26.dxe5 ♖xf3 27.♘d4 ♖xc3 28.♘xe6 ♖c2≅

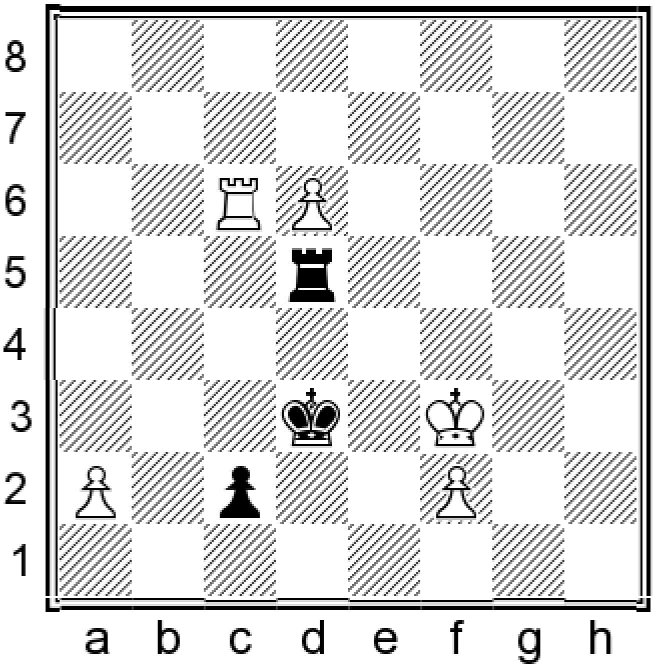
25...♖xf3 26.♘f4 ♖xf4! 27.♕xf4 ♕xf4 28.gxf4 ♗d3+ 29.♔h2 ♗xf1 30.♖xf1 ♖g4 31.♖e1 ♖xf4 32.♖xe6 ♖f3

32...♖xf2+ 33.♔g3 ♖xa2 34.♖d6 ♖c2 35.♔h4 ♖xc3 36.♔xh5=

33.♖a6 ♖xc3 34.♖xa7+ ♔xh6 35.♖d7 ♔g5 36.♖xd5+ ♔f4 37.♖xh5 ♔e4 38.♔g2 ♖c1 39.♖h4+ ♔d5

RR39...♔d3 40.d5 c3 41.♖h8 c2 42.♖c8 ♖b1 43.d6 ♖b7 (43...c1=Q?? 44.♖xc1 ♖xc1 45.d7+-) 44.♔f3 ♖f7+ 45.♔g4 ♔d2 46.f4 c1=Q 47.♖xc1 ♔xc1 48.f5 ♖d7 49.f6 ♖xd6 50.♔g5 ♔b2 51.a4 ♔b3 52.f7 ♖d8 53.a5 ♔b4=

40.♔f3 ♖e1 41.♖h8 c3 42.♖d8+ ♔c4 43.d5 ♖e5 44.d6 ♔d3 45.♖c8 ♖d5 46.♖c6 c2??



46...♖d4! 47.♔g3 c2 48.f4 ♔d2 49.♔g4 c1=Q 50.♖xc1 ♔xc1 51.♔g5 ♔d2 52.f5 ♔e3 53.f6 ♖xd6 54.f7 ♖d8 55.♔f6=

47.♔f4+- ♖d4+

47...♔d2 48.♔e4 ♖d3 49.f4 ♖e3+ 50.♔f5 ♖c3 51.d7 c1=Q 52.d8=Q+ ♔e2 53.♖xc3 ♕xc3 54.♔g6!+-

48.♔f5! ♖d5+

48...♖c4! 49.d7! c1=Q 50.d8=Q+ ♔e2 51.♖xc4 ♕xc4 52.f4!+-48...♔d2 49.♔e6 c1=Q 50.♖xc1 ♔xc1 51.d7 ♔b2 52.f4 ♖e4+ 53.♔d5 ♖e1 54.f5 ♔xa2 55.f6+-

49.♔e6! ♖h5 50.d7 ♖h6+ 51.♔f7 ♖h7+

51...♖xc6 52.d8=Q+ ♔c4 53.♕d2 ♔b5 54.♕c1 ♔b4 55.f4 ♔c3 56.f5 ♖c7+ 57.♔e6 ♖b7 58.f6 ♖b1 59.♕e3+ ♔b2 60.♕f2+-

52.♔e8 ♖h8+ 53.♔e7 ♖h7+ 54.♔d8 ♖h6 55.♖xc2 ♔xc2 56.♔c7 1-0

42. B13
Jeremic, Dusan (2246) - Mirkovic, Slobodan (2241)
Beograd 130/42, 2016

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.♗d3 ♘c6 5.♘e2

5.c3 - 109/(57)

5...♘f6 6.O-O g6 7.♗g5 ♗g7 8.c3 O-O 9.♕d2 ♖e8 10.♘a3N

10.♘g3

10...♘e4 11.♗xe4 dxe4 12.♘g3 f5 13.f3

13.♖fd1 b6 14.♘e2 ♗b7=

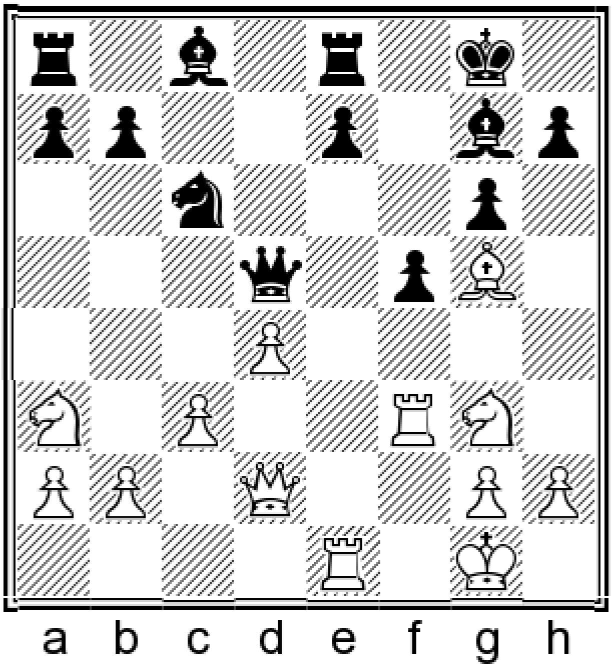
13...exf3 14.♖xf3

14.gxf3 ♕d5∓

14...♕d5

14...♗e6 15.♘c2 ♕d7=

15.♖e1?



15.♗h6 ♗f6 16.♗g5 ♗h8 17.♘c2 e5 18.♘e3 ♕a5=

15...e5!∓

15...♕xa2? 16.d5 ♘e5 17.♖fe3 ♘f7 18.♖xe7 ♖xe7 19.♖xe7 ♘xg5 20.♕xg5 ♕xd5 21.♖e8+ ♗f8 22.♕e7 ♕f7 23.♕d8 ♔g7 24.♕d4+ ♔g8 25.♕d8=

16.dxe5 ♕xd2 17.♗xd2 ♘xe5 18.♖ff1

18.♖fe3? f4-+

18...♗d7 19.♖d1 ♗c6 20.♗f4 ♖ad8 21.♗g5 ♖xd1 22.♖xd1 ♗f8

22...♘f7 23.♗d2 h5∓

23.♘c2 ♗c5+ 24.♘d4 ♘g4 25.h3 ♘e3 26.♗xe3

26.♖e1 ♘d5 27.♖xe8+ ♗xe8∓

26...♖xe3 27.♔f2

27.♔h2 f4 28.♘f1 ♗xd4 29.cxd4 ♖e2 30.d5 ♗d7 31.♘d2 ♔f7∓

27...♖e7 28.♘e2

28.b4 ♗a4 29.♖e1 ♖xe1 30.♔xe1 ♗d6∓

28...♗b5 29.♘c1

29.♖d2 ♔f7∓

29...♔f7 30.♖d2 ♔f6 31.♘b3 ♗b6 32.♔f3 ♗c4 33.♘c1

33.♖d1 g5 34.♔g3 f4+ 35.♔h2 h5∓

33...g5

33...♖e1 34.♘d3 ♗d5+ 35.♔f2 ♖a1∓

34.b3 ♗d5+ 35.♔f2 f4 36.c4

36.♘d3 ♗f7∓

36...♗f7 37.♔f1 ♗a5 38.♖d1 ♗h5 39.♘de2

39.♘f3 ♗b4 40.♘d3 ♖d7 41.♔e2 ♗e7∓

39...♗b4∓ 40.♖d5 b6 41.g4 ♗g6 42.♘d3 ♗a3 43.♘c3?

43.h4 h6 44.h5 ♗h7 45.♘f2 ♖e3 46.♖d7 ♗b1 47.♖xa7 ♗c5 48.♘g1 ♖c3-+

43...♖e3!-+ 44.♘xf4 gxf4 45.g5+ ♔f7

45...♔e7-+45...♔e6-+

46.♘b5 ♗c5 47.♘c7

47.♘d6+ ♔g8 48.h4 ♗d3+-+

47...♗d3+ 48.♔f2 ♖e7+

48...♖xh3+ 49.♔e1 f3 50.♖xd3 f2+ 51.♔e2 ♖xd3-+

49.♖xc5 bxc5 50.♘d5 ♖e2+ 51.♔f3 ♖xa2 0-1

43. B13**
So, Wesley (2782) - Lesiege, Alexandre (2512)
Baku (ol) 130/43, 2016

1.c4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♘c3 g6 4.e3 ♘f6 5.d4 cxd4 6.exd4 d5 7.♗g5

7.cxd5 ♘xd5

7...♗e6 8.♗xf6 exf6 9.h3N

9.c5 - 130/ (43) 9...♗g7 10.♗b5 O-O 11.O-O (11.h3 g5 12.O-O ♘e7 13.♗d3N (13.♕c2 - 115/45) 13...♕d7?! (13...♘c6 14.♘b5 f5 15.♕d2 h6 16.♖fe1 b6∞) 14.♖e1 h5? 15.♘h2 h4 16.♕h5 ♖fe8 17.♘b5± Jones,G (2635)-Lesiege, A (2512) Baku (ol) 130/(43) 2016) 11...g5N (11...♗g4) 12.♘e2 a6 13.♗xc6 bxc6 14.♘g3 a5 15.h3 ♖b8 16.b3 ♖b4∞ Rakhmanov,A (2641)-Alekseev,E (2636) Saint Petersburg (rapid) 130/(43) 2016

9...♗b4 10.c5 O-O

10...♕a5 11.♕d2 O-O 12.♗e2 b6∞

11.♖c1 b6

11...♕d7 12.♗e2 ♗a5!? 13.O-O ♗c7∞

12.♗b5 ♘a5 13.a3 ♗xc3+ 14.♖xc3 ♘c4 15.b4 a5

15...a6 16.♗a4 (16.♗xc4 dxc4∞ Δ b5, ♗d5) 16...a5∞

16.O-O axb4 17.axb4 ♕b8?!

⌓17...♖a2 18.♕c1 ♕b8 19.♗xc4 dxc4 20.♘d2 ♖d8⇄

18.♗xc4 dxc4 19.♘d2 bxc5 20.bxc5 ♕b4?!

⌓20...♖d8 21.♘xc4 ♕b4 22.♕d3 ♕xc5! 23.♕xg6+! (23.dxc5 ♖xd3 24.♖xd3 ♗xc4 25.♖c3 ♗xf1 26.♔xf1 ♔f8=) 23...fxg6 24.dxc5 ♖ac8 25.♘e3 ♔f7 26.♖fc1±

21.♕f3 ♗d5 22.♕xd5!?

22.♕g3 ♖a2 23.♖b1 ♕a4 24.♘f1±

22...♕xc3 23.♘e4 ♕d3 24.♘xf6+ ♔h8 25.♘d7 ♖fe8 26.♘e5 26...♕f5?

26...♕e2! 27.♘xf7+ ♔g7 28.♘e5 ♔h8! 29.♖c1 (29.♕xc4?? ♖xe5-+) 29...♕d2! 30.♕xc4 ♖a4! 31.♕f1 ♕xd4 32.♘f3 ♕f6 33.c6 ♖a7=

27.♕xc4 ♔g7 28.♕c3 ♖a2 29.♘d3?

29.♘g4 ♕c2 30.♕g3⩲

29...♕f6?

29...♖ee2! 30.d5+ f6! 31.c6 ♖ed2! 32.c7 ♖ac2!-+

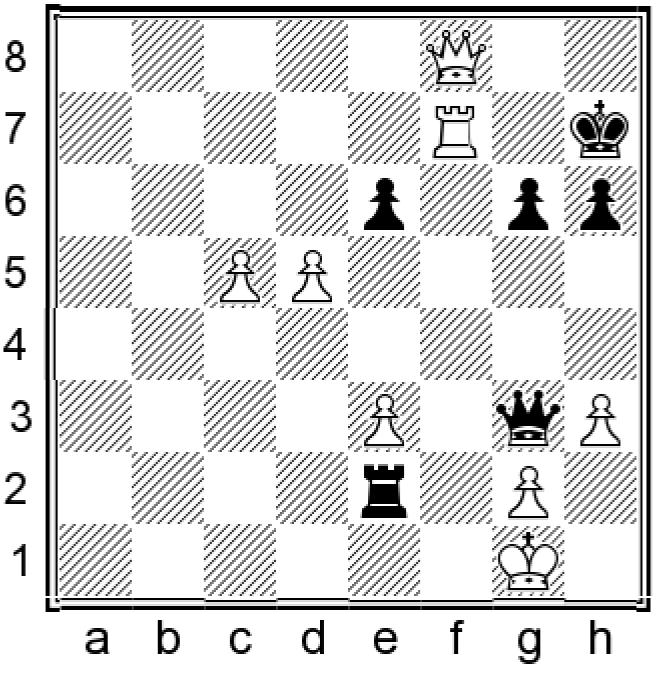
30.♘b4 ♖ae2 31.♘d5 ♕g5 32.♘c7 ♖8e3

32...♖b8=

33.♕c1 h6 34.d5 ♕e5?

34...♖d3 35.♕c4 ♕d2 36.♕a6 ♖c3 37.♕a1 ♕b2 38.♕xb2 ♖xb2 39.c6 ♖d2=

35.fxe3 ♕g3 36.♕a1+ ♔g8 37.♕a8+ ♔g7 38.♘e6+! fxe6 39.♕f8+ ♔h7 40.♖f7#



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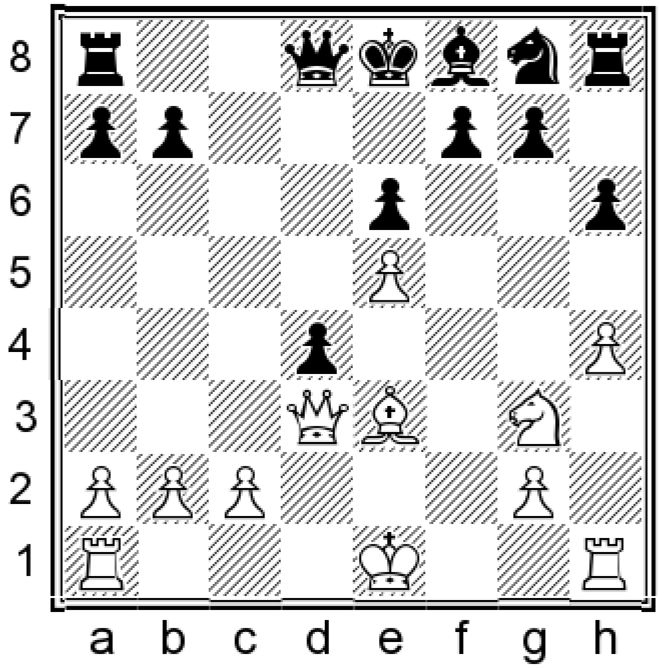
44. B19
Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2524) - Tari, Aryan (2570)
Baku (ol) 130/44, 2016

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 dxe4 4.♘xe4 ♗f5 5.♘g3 ♗g6 6.h4 h6 7.♘f3 e6 8.♘e5 ♗h7 9.♗d3 ♗xd3 10.♕xd3 ♘d7 11.f4 c5 12.♗e3 ♘xe5

12...♕a5+ - 88/80

13.fxe5 cxd4

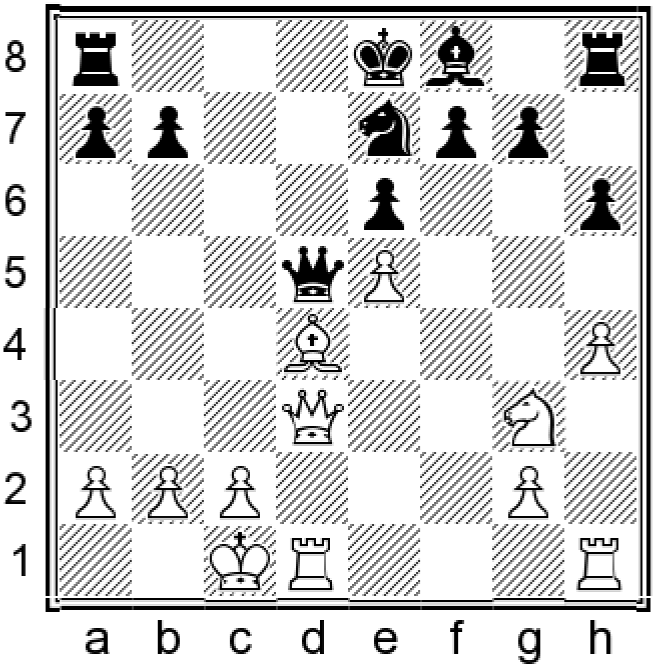


13...♕a5+ 14.♗d2 ♕a4 15.dxc5 ♖d8 (15...♗xc5 16.♘e4 ♗e7 17.O-O-O ♖d8 18.♕f3 ♕xa2 19.♘c3 ♕a1+ 20.♘b1 ♖d7 21.♖hf1 ♗xh4 22.♗e3±) 16.♕b3! (16.♕e4 ♕xe4+ 17.♘xe4 ♖d4!⇄) 16...♕xb3 17.axb3 ♗xc5 18.♘e4 ♖d5 19.♘xc5 ♖xe5+ 20.♔d1 ♖xc5 21.♖xa7±

14.♗xd4

14.♕b5+ ♕d7 15.♕xd7+ ♔xd7 16.O-O-O ♔e8 17.♖xd4 (17.♗xd4 ♘e7 18.♘e4 ♘c6 19.♗c3 ♗e7 20.h5 ♖d8=) 17...♘e7 18.♖hd1 ♘d5 19.♗d2 (19.♗g1 ♖c8 (19...b5!? 20.♘h5 a6! 21.♖g4 g5 22.♘f6+ ♘xf6 23.exf6 h5⇄) 20.♘e4 f5! 21.exf6 gxf6 22.g4 b5 23.♖e1 ♔f7⇄) 19...♗c5 (19...♖c8 20.♘e4 f5 21.exf6 gxf6 22.g4 b5 23.♖e1 ♔f7 24.♖f1±) 20.♖d3 ♗e7 21.♘e4 ♖c8 22.b3 (22.h5 f5 23.exf6 gxf6 24.g4 b5⇄) 22...b5 23.h5 f5 24.exf6 gxf6 25.g4 ♔f7 26.♖f1 ♔g7 27.♘g3 ♖hd8=14.O-O-O ♘e7 15.♘e2!? ♕d5 (15...♘d5 16.♕xd4! (16.♗xd4 ♗e7 17.♕g3 O-O 18.♗e3 ♔h8 19.♘f4 ♘xf4 20.♕xf4 ♕a5 21.♔b1 ♖ad8=) 16...♕b6 (16...♕a5 17.♘c3) 17.♕a4+ ♕c6 18.♕xc6+ bxc6 19.♗f2 ♗e7 20.♖h3±) 16.♘xd4 a6! 17.♔b1 ♖d8∞

14...♘e7 15.O-O-O ♕d5



15...♘c6 16.♘e4! (16.♕b5 ♕c7 17.♗c3 a6 18.♕d3 ♗b4⇄) (16.♕e4 ♕a5 17.♔b1 (17.a3? ♗xa3!∓) 17...O-O-O 18.♖hf1 ♗c5=) 16...♕xd4 17.♕xd4 ♘xd4 18.♖xd4 ♖d8 19.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 20.♖f1 ♔e8 21.♖f3 ♗e7 22.c4±

16.♖hf1N

16.♔b1 ♘c6 17.♗c3 ♕xd3 18.♖xd3 ♗e7=16.♘e4 ♘c6 (16...♘f5 17.♗f2 ♕xd3 18.♖xd3 h5 19.♖hd1±) 17.c4 (17.♗c3 ♕xd3 18.♖xd3 ♖d8=) 17...♕xd4 18.♕xd4 ♘xd4 19.♖xd4 ♖c8 20.b3 (20.♖hd1 ♗e7 21.b3 ♖c7=) 20...♗e7 21.♖f1 ♖f8 22.♖fd1 ♖c7 23.♔d2 f6=16.♘e2!? ♘f5 (16...♘c6!? 17.c4 ♕xg2 18.♖hg1 ♕h2 19.♕e4 O-O-O 20.♖h1 ♖xd4 21.♘xd4 ♕xe5 22.♖he1 ♕xe4 23.♖xe4 ♘d8! (∆ g5) 24.h5 ♗e7 25.♖g1 ♖g8∞) 17.♘c3 ♕c6 (17...♕d7?! 18.♗f2 ♕xd3 19.♖xd3 a6 20.♘e4±) 18.g4 (18.♗f2 h5∞) 18...♘xd4 19.♕xd4 ♖c8 20.♖hf1 ♗e7 21.♕f4 O-O 22.g5 h5 23.♔b1 (23.♖d3 f6! 24.exf6 ♗xf6⇄) 23...b5 24.♖f2 ♖cd8 25.♖xd8 ♗xd8 26.♘e4 ♗c7⇄

16...♘c6 17.♗c3 ♕xd3 18.♖xd3 ♗e7

18...b5!? 19.b3 (19.♘e4 b4 20.♗d4 (20.♘d6+ ♗xd6 21.♖xd6 ♖c8) 20...♖d8=) 19...♗a3+ 20.♔b1 O-O 21.♘h5 (21.♖fd1 ♗e7 22.h5 ♖fd8=) 21...♖fd8 22.♖g3 ♗f8 23.♗b2 a5 24.♗c1 ♘xe5 25.♗xh6 ♘g6 26.♗xg7 (26.♗g5 ♖d5∓) 26...♗xg7 27.♘xg7 ♔xg7 28.h5 b4 29.hxg6 f6 30.♖h1 ♖h8=

19.♘e4 O-O 20.♖d7 b5 21.♘d6 ♗xh4

21...♗xd6 22.exd6 ♖ad8 23.♖b7 ♖xd6 24.♖xb5±21...♖ad8! 22.♖c7 (22.♖b7 ♗xh4 23.♘xb5 ♖b8 24.♖c7 ♘e7 25.a4 a6 26.♘d6 ♘d5⇄) 22...♗xd6 23.♖xc6 ♗e7 24.♖c7 (24.g3 b4 25.♗d2 a5 26.♖c7 ♖fe8=) 24...♗xh4 25.♗b4 ♖fe8 26.♖xa7 (26.♖fxf7 ♗g5+ 27.♗d2 ♗xd2+ 28.♔b1 h5 29.♖xg7+=) 26...♖d4 27.♗c5 ♖c4 28.♖fxf7 ♖xc5 29.♖xg7+ ♔h8=

22.♘xb5± ♗g3

22...a6 23.♘d6 ♗g5+ 24.♔b1 ♖a7 25.♖xa7 ♘xa7 26.♘e4 ♗e3 27.♖d1±22...a5 23.♘d6 ♖ad8 24.♖b7 f6 25.♘e4 fxe5 26.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 27.♖b6±

23.♖f3! ♗xe5

23...♗h2 24.g3 ♗g1 25.♘d6 ♖ad8 26.♖c7 ♘d4 27.♖d3 ♘e2+ 28.♔d2 ♘xc3 29.♔xc3±

24.♘xa7! ♗xc3 25.♘xc6 ♗f6 26.a3 e5

26...♖a6 27.♖c7 ♖fa8 28.c4 ♖a4 29.♔b1 e5 30.♖e3±

27.b4 e4 28.♖b3! ♗g5+ 29.♔d1±

29.♔b1 f5⇄

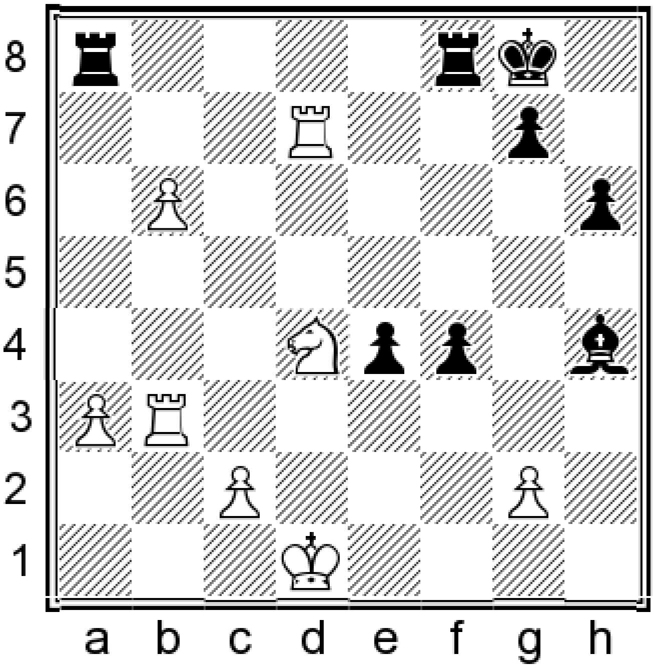
29...f5 30.♘d4

30.♔e2 ♖ae8 (30...f4 31.b5 f3+ 32.gxf3 exf3+ 33.♔f1 ♗h4 34.♖dd3 f2 35.♖f3 ♖xf3 36.♖xf3 ♖e8 37.♖xf2 ♗xf2 38.♔xf2+-) 31.b5 f4 32.♔f1! f3 33.gxf3 exf3 34.♖dd3±

30...f4

30...♖f7 31.♖xf7 ♔xf7 32.b5! (32.♘xf5 ♖d8+ 33.♔e1 ♖d2) 32...♗f6 33.♘c6±

31.b5 ♗h4 32.b6?



32.♔e2 ♖ae8 33.♔f1!±

32...g5?

32...f3! 33.gxf3 ♖ad8 34.♖xd8 ♖xd8 35.fxe4 (35.♔e2 ♖xd4 36.f4 ♗d8 37.b7 ♗c7=) 35...♖xd4+ 36.♔e2 ♖xe4+ 37.♔f3 ♖e8 38.a4 ♖f8+ 39.♔g4 ♗f2 40.a5 ♔h7 41.a6 g5 42.b7 ♗a7=

33.b7 ♖ae8 34.♖b6+- f3 35.gxf3 exf3 36.♘xf3 ♖xf3 37.b8=Q ♖f1+ 38.♔d2 ♖f2+ 39.♔d3 1-0

45. B22
Smerdon, David (2531) - Carlsen, Magnus (2857)
Baku (ol) 130/45, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 ♕xd5 4.d4 ♘f6 5.♘f3 e6 6.♘a3 ♕d8 7.♘c4

7.♘c2

7...♗e7

7...♘c6 - 110/73

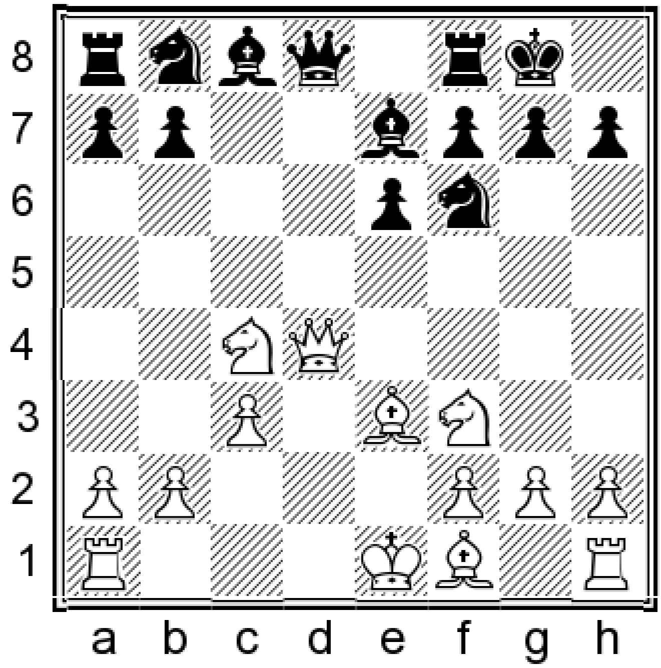
8.♗e3

8.♗d3!?

8...cxd4 9.♕xd4!?

9.♘xd4

9...O-O



9...♕xd4?! 10.♘xd4 (Δ ♘b5) 10...♘bd7 11.g3! Δ ♗g2↑

10.O-O-ON

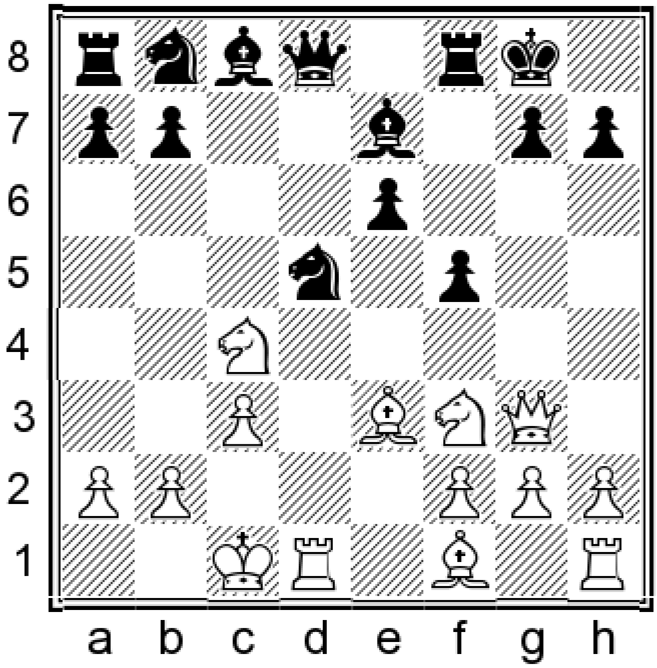
10.♕xd8 ♖xd8=

10...♘d5

10...♕xd4 11.♘xd4 b6! 12.♗f4 (12.♘b5 ♘d5!∞) 12...♘e4! (12...♗b7 13.♗d6↑) 13.g3! ♗b7 (13...♘xf2?! 14.♗g2 ♗a6 15.♘xb6 axb6 16.♗xa8 ♘xd1 17.♖xd1±) 14.♗g2 ♘a6 15.♘xe6 fxe6 16.♖d7 ♗d5 17.♖xe7 ♘xf2 18.♗xd5 exd5 19.♗e5 ♘d3+ 20.♔c2 dxc4 21.♖xg7+ ♔h8 22.♗d4 ♖ad8 23.♖d7+=

11.♕g4 ♘xe3

11...b5 12.♘ce5 ♘xe3 13.fxe3 ♕b6 14.♗d3 f5 15.♕d4 ♗c5 16.♕h4 ♗xe3+ 17.♔b1 ♘d7 18.♘xd7 ♗xd7 19.♗xf5 exf5 20.♖xd7 ♕g6∞11...f5 12.♕g3



12...♘d7 (12...♘c6 13.♗f4 ♗f6 14.♖d2 (14.♗e2? b5! 15.♘e3 ♘xc3! 16.bxc3 ♕a5→) 14...b5 15.♘e3 a6 16.♘xd5 exd5 17.♗e2 d4!? 18.♘e5! ♘xe5 19.♗xe5 f4! 20.♕f3! ♗xe5 21.♕xa8 f3 22.♗xf3 ♕f6 23.♖xd4 ♕h6+ (23...♗xd4 24.♕d5+ ♗e6 25.♕xd4±) 24.♖d2 ♗e6 (24...♗f4 25.♖d1 ♗e6 26.♕e4 - 24...♗e6) 25.♕e4 ♗f4 26.♖d1 ♗xa2 27.b4! Δ♗b3 28.♔b2 ♗xd1 29.♖xd1±) 13.♗d4 (13.♗h6 ♗f6=) 13...♘7f6 14.♘fd2 ♗d7 (14...b5 15.♘e5 ♕e8 16.♗e2 ♗b7 17.♔b1∞) 15.♔b1 ♗a4!? 16.♖c1 ♖c8∞

12.fxe3

12.♘xe3 ♕c7 13.♗d3 ♘d7 14.♔b1 ♘c5 15.♗c2 b5 16.♕h3 g6 17.♕h6 f5 18.h4 ♗f6 19.h5 ♗g7 20.♕g5 ♗f6=

12...♕c7 13.♗d3 ♘d7 14.♕f4 ♕c5

14...♕xf4?! 15.exf4 ♘f6 16.♖he1±

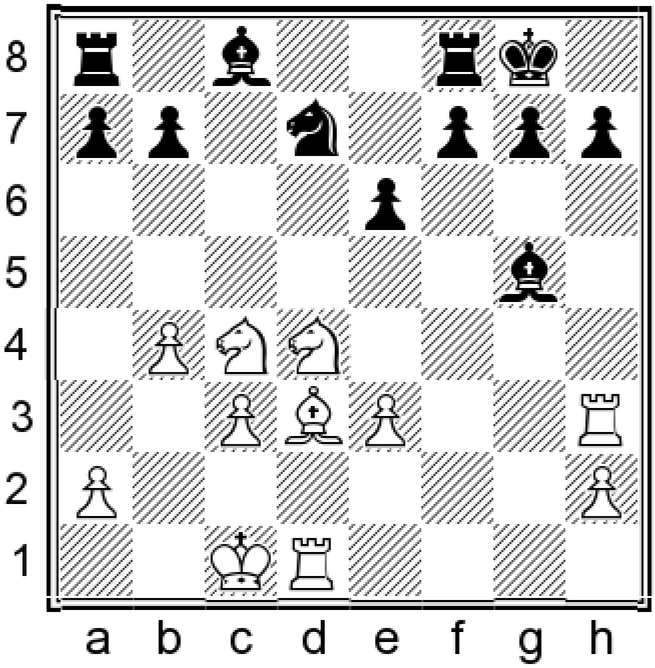
15.b4!? ♕c6 16.♘d4 ♕xg2

16...♕d5 17.♘f3 ♕c6 (17...♕h5?! 18.g4 ♕b5 19.h4→) 18.♘d4=

17.♖hg1 ♕h3 18.♖g3 ♕h4?

18...♕h5 19.♖dg1 g6 20.♘xe6 ♘e5! 21.♘xe5 ♗xe6 22.♖g5 ♗xg5 23.♖xg5 ♕h3 24.♖g3 ♕h5 25.♖g5=

19.♕xh4 ♗xh4 20.♖h3 ♗g5



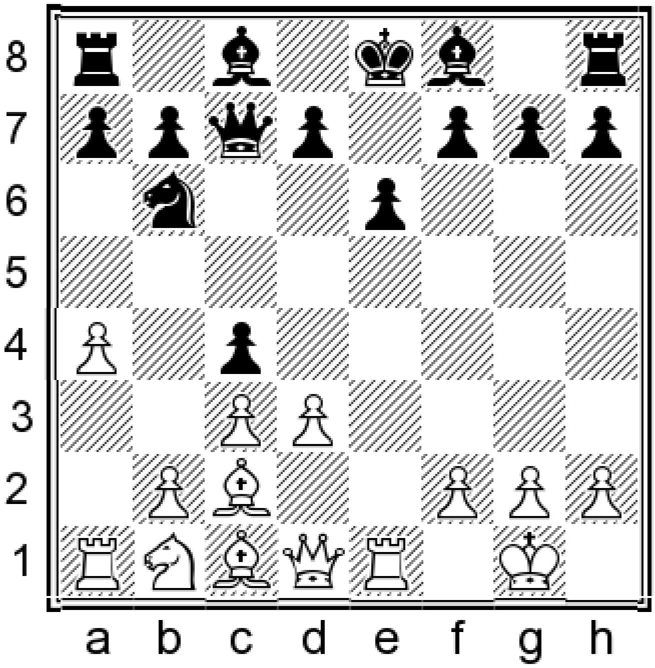
21.♖g1?

21.♗xh7+ ♔h8 22.♘f3 ♗e7 23.♗e4+ ♔g8 24.♗xb7! ♗xb7 25.♖xd7 ♗xf3 26.♖xe7 ♗e2 (26...♗d5 27.♘e5 ♗xa2 28.♔b2 ♗d5 29.c4+-) 27.♖h4±

21...h6 22.♖xg5 hxg5 23.♗h7+ ♔h8 24.♗d3+ ♔g8 25.♗h7+ ♔h8 26.♗d3+ 1/2-1/2

46.* B22
Kislinsky, Alexey (2451) - Bogosavljevic, Boban (2520)
Beograd 130/46, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘f6 3.e5 ♘d5 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.♗c4 ♘b6 6.♗b3 c4 7.♗c2 ♕c7 8.O-O!? ♘xe5 9.♘xe5 ♕xe5 10.♖e1 ♕c7 11.a4 e6 12.d3



12...♘d5?!

12...cxd3 13.♕xd3=∞

13.dxc4N

13.♘a3 - 130/(46) 13...♗xa3 14.♖xa3 b6?! (14...O-O 15.♕g4↑) 15.dxc4 ♘e7 16.♕d4 f6 17.♖a1 ♗b7 18.b3 e5 (18...O-O 19.♗a3±) 19.♕g4± Zelbel,P (2446)-Nijboer,F (2552) Nederland 130/(46) 2016

13...♘f6

13...♕xc4? 14.♗b3 ♕c5 15.♕xd5+-

14.♘a3 a6 15.b4

15.a5! d6 16.b4 ♗e7 17.♗e3↑

15...b6 16.♗e3

16.♕d4!? ♗d6 17.♗h6!? O-O 18.♗g5↑

16...♗d6 17.h3 ♗b7 18.♕d4 ♗h2+ 19.♔h1 ♗e5 20.♕d2 ♕c6 21.f3 ♗b8

21...♘h5?! 22.c5! bxc5 23.♘c4±

22.♗f4?!

22.♖ad1 ♕c7 23.f4 O-O∞

22...O-O

22...♗xf4 23.♕xf4 O-O 24.♖ad1 d5 25.♗b3 ♖fd8=

23.♖ad1 d5 24.♗xb8 ♖axb8 25.cxd5 ♕xd5

25...♘xd5 26.c4 ♘f6 27.♕d6 ♖fc8 28.b5 ♕e8∞

26.c4

26.♕f4 ♕c6 27.♘c4 b5 28.axb5 axb5 29.♘d6 ♕b6=

26...♕xd2 27.♖xd2 ♖fc8

⌓27...♖fd8!? 28.♖ed1 ♖xd2 29.♖xd2 ♔f8 30.♔g1 ♔e7 31.♔f2 ♘d7∞

28.♖ed1

28.♖d6 ♗c6 29.♖ed1 ♔f8∞

28...♔f8 29.♗b3 ♔e7 30.♔g1 ♖d8 31.♖xd8 ♖xd8 32.♖xd8 ♔xd8 33.h4

33.♔f2

33...a5!⩱ 34.♘c2 axb4 35.♘xb4 ♘d7 36.♔f2 ♘c5 37.♗c2 h6 38.♔e3 ♔e7 39.g3 ♔d6 40.f4 ♗c6?

40...f6! 41.♘a2 (41.♔d4? ♗c8 42.♘a2 e5+ 43.fxe5+ fxe5+ 44.♔e3 ♗e6∓) 41...♗a6 42.♔d4 e5+ 43.♔c3⩱

41.♘xc6 ♔xc6 42.♔d4= f6 43.♔c3 ♔b7

43...e5 44.fxe5 fxe5 45.♔b4 ♘a6+ 46.♔c3 ♔c5 47.♗g6=

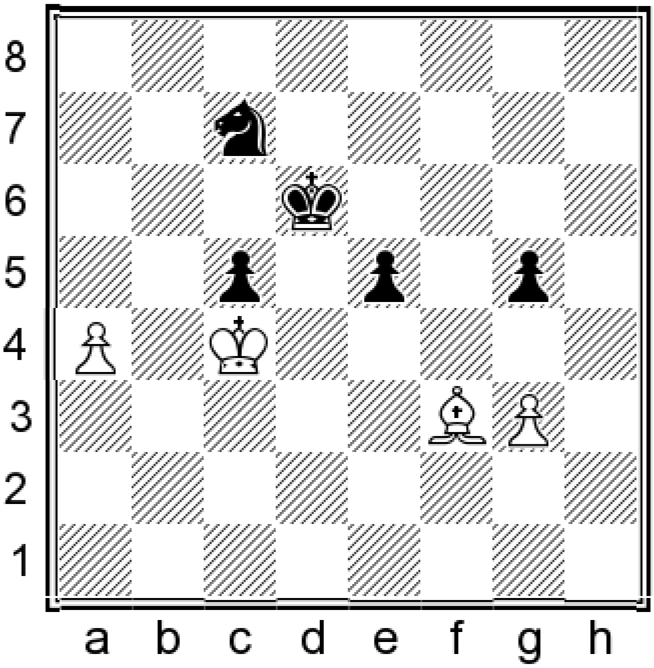
44.♔b4 ♘a6+ 45.♔b5 ♘c7+ 46.♔b4 ♔c6?!

46...♘a6+=

47.♗e4+ ♔d6 48.♗b7

48.c5+ bxc5+ 49.♔c4 e5 50.fxe5+ ♔xe5 51.♗g2 g5 52.♔xc5 ♘e6+ 53.♔b6 ♔d6 54.♗h1 ♘c5 55.a5 f5 56.♔b5 (56.h5 ♘d7+ 57.♔b5 ♘c5 58.a6 ♘xa6 59.♔xa6 g4 60.♔b6 ♔e5 61.♔c5 f4=) 56...♘e6 57.♗g2 ♘c5 58.♗f3 ♘e6 59.♔b6 ♘c5 60.♗h5 ♘d7+ 61.♔b5 ♘c5 62.♗e8 gxh4 63.gxh4 f4 64.♗h5 ♘d7 65.a6 ♔c7=

48...g5 49.fxg5 fxg5 50.hxg5 hxg5 51.♗f3 e5 52.c5+! bxc5+ 53.♔c4



53...♘a6?

53...♘e8! 54.a5 ♔c7 55.♔xc5 ♘f6 56.♗c6 e4 57.a6 e3 58.a7 (58.♗f3 e2 59.♗xe2 ♘e4+ 60.♔b4 ♘xg3=) 58...e2 59.a8=Q e1=Q 60.♕b7+ ♔d8=

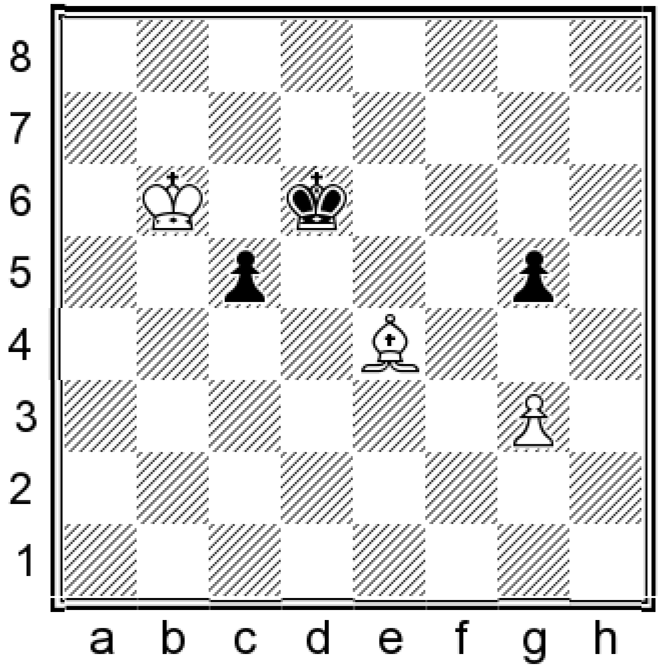
54.a5 ♘b4 55.♔b5 ♘c2 56.a6 ♘d4+ 57.♔b6

57.♔c4+-

57...♘e6 58.a7 ♘c7 59.a8=Q?

59.♗e4 c4 60.♔b7 ♔d7 61.♗g6 ♔d6 62.♗f5 c3 63.♗e4 ♔d7 64.♗c2 ♔d6 (64...♔d8 65.♗f5+-) 65.♗f5+-

59...♘xa8+ 60.♗xa8 e4 61.♗xe4



61...c4??⊕

61...g4! 62.♗b1 (62.♔b5 ♔e5 63.♗b1 ♔d4 64.♗f5 ♔e3) (62.♗f5 c4 63.♗xg4 c3 64.♗d1 ♔e5 65.♔c5 ♔e4 66.♔c4 c2 67.♗xc2+ ♔f3=) 62...c4 63.♗a2 ♔d5 64.♔b5 ♔e4=

62.♔b5+- ♔e5 63.♗b1 ♔d4

63...g4 64.♔xc4+-

64.g4 ♔c3 65.♔c5 1-0

47. B22
Jones, Gawain C (2667) - Rowson, Jonathan (2565)
Great Britain (ch-m/1) 130/47, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘d5 5.♗c4 ♘b6 6.♗b3 c4 7.♗c2 ♕c7 8.O-O!?

8.♕e2 - 113/45

8...♘xe5 9.♘xe5 ♕xe5 10.♖e1 ♕c7 11.a4 d5 12.♘a3 a6N

12...e6

13.a5 ♘d7 14.d3 e6?

14...cxd3 15.♕xd3 ♘f6 16.♗g5 e6 (16...♗d7 17.♗xf6 gxf6 18.♕xd5 ♗c6 19.♕f5±) 17.♗xf6 gxf6 18.♕xd5 ♗d7 19.♕h5↑

15.dxc4 dxc4 16.♕d4! ♕xa5 17.♗e3

17.♗h6!?

17...♕c7 18.♘b5?!

18.♘xc4 b5 19.♘a5 ♗d6 (19...♗b7 20.♘xb7 ♕xb7 21.♗e4+-) 20.♕xg7 ♗xh2+ 21.♔h1 ♗e5 22.♕h6 ♘f6 23.♗g5 ♘g4 24.♕h4 h5 25.♗e4+-

18...♕c6 19.♖a5 ♘f6 20.♕e5 axb5 21.♖xa8 ♗e7 22.♖a5

22.♕g3! O-O 23.♗h6 ♘e8 24.♗e4±

22...♗d7 23.♕b8+ ♗c8 24.♕e5

24.♖xb5!? ♕xb5 25.♕xc8+ ♗d8 26.♗c5↑

24...♗d7 25.♖a8+ ♗c8 26.♗d1

26.♕g3±

26...O-O 27.♗f3 ♘d5 28.♗d4 ♗f6 29.♗xd5! exd5 30.♕f4 ♗xd4 31.♕xd4 ♗e6 32.♖ea1

32.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 33.♕h4±

32...f6 33.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 34.♕h4 ♗f5 35.♕f4 ♗e6 36.h4 h5 37.♖a8+ ♔f7 38.♖h8

38.♕b8!? ♔g6 39.♕g3+ ♔f7 40.♖h8±

38...♕b6

38...♕d7 39.♕b8 ♔g6 40.♖d8 ♕e7 41.♕d6 ♕xd6 42.♖xd6 ♔f5 43.♖b6+-

39.♕f3 g6 40.♕f4 ♗f5

40...♔e7 41.b4! cxb3 42.♕b4+ ♔d7 43.♖h7+ ♔c6 (43...♔c8 44.♕f8+ ♕d8 45.♕c5+ ♔b8 46.♕xb5 ♗c8 47.♕xb3+-) 44.♕e7+-

41.♕b8 ♔e6 42.♕e8+ ♔d6 43.♖f8 ♔c5 44.♕e3+ 1-0

48. B22
Howell, David (2665) - Cori Tello, Jorge Moises (2609)
Baku (ol) 130/48, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.c3 ♘f6 3.e5 ♘d5 4.♘f3 ♘c6 5.♗c4 e6 6.O-O d6 7.d4 dxe5

7...cxd4 8.cxd4 - 125/(42)

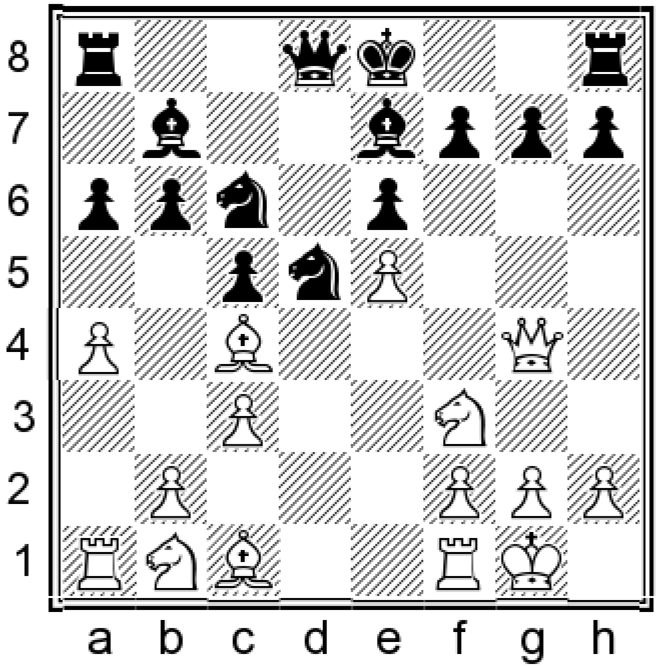
8.dxe5 ♗e7 9.♕e2 a6!?

9...♕c7

10.a4 b6 11.♕e4N

11.♖e111.♖d1

11...♗b7 12.♕g4



12...♖g8!

12...O-O? 13.♗h6±12...♕d7 13.♕xg7 O-O-O 14.♕xf7 ♖df8 15.♕h5 ♖f5=∞

13.♖e1

13.♖d1 ♕c7 (13...♘f6?? 14.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 15.exf6 ♖d1+ 16.♗f1+-) 14.♗xd5 exd5 15.♖xd5 ♘d4 16.cxd4 cxd4!∞

13...♕d7 14.♘bd2

14.♗g5 O-O-O 15.♘bd2?! f5 16.exf6 gxf6 17.♗xd5 (17.♖xe6 ♘c7-+) 17...♕xd5 18.♘c4 ♔b8 19.♘xb6 ♕d6 20.♘c4 ♕c7 21.♕xe6 fxg5∓14.♘g5 h6 15.♘xf7 ♔xf7 16.♗d3! g6 17.♗xh6=∞

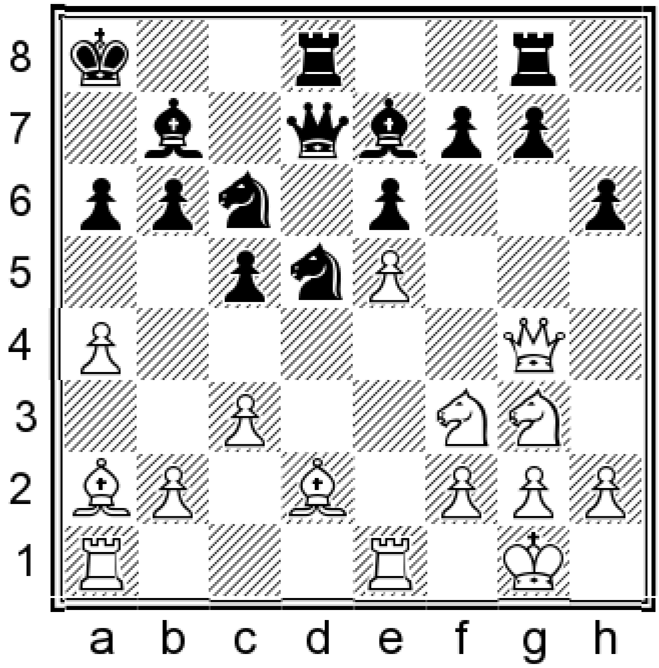
14...O-O-O 15.♘f1

15.♘e4 f5 16.exf6 gxf6∞

15...h6 16.♘g3 ♔b8 17.♗a2 ♔a8

17...g5 18.♘h5∞

18.♗d2



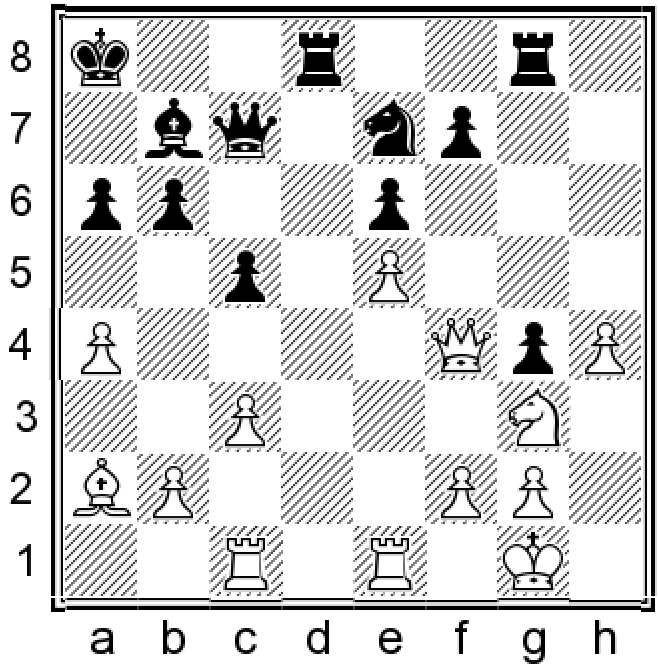
18...g5! 19.h3 ♕c7 20.♖ac1 ♕d7 21.♖cd1 ♕c7 22.♖c1

22.♗c1 ♘a5 (22...♘f4 23.♗xf4 gxf4 24.♖xd8+ (24.♕xf4 ♖xd1 25.♖xd1 ♗g5=∞) 24...♖xd8 25.♕xf4±) 23.♘h5∞

22...♘f4! 23.♗xf4 gxf4 24.♕xf4 ♗g5 25.♘xg5 hxg5

25...♖xg5 26.♖cd1 (26.h4 ♖xe5 (26...♘xe5 27.hxg5 ♘f3+ 28.♕xf3 ♗xf3 29.gxf3 hxg5 30.♗c4±) 27.♕xh6 ♖xe1+ 28.♖xe1 ♘e5 29.♗b1 ♘g4 30.♕g5 f5 31.♗e4!±) 26...♖xd1 27.♖xd1 ♘xe5 28.♔h1 (28.♕f6? ♕c6-+) 28...c4=

26.♕e3 g4 27.h4 ♘e7! 28.♕f4?



28.♗b1 ♘d5 29.♕d2 f5! (29...♕e7? 30.h5 ♕h4 31.♗e4 ♖g5 32.c4 (32.♗xd5 ♖xd5 33.♕f4±) 32...♖xh5 33.♘xh5 ♕xh5 34.♔f1+-) 30.exf6 ♘f4 31.♕e3 ♘xg2 32.♕e5 ♕xe5 33.♖xe5 ♘xh4 34.♖xe6 ♘f3+ 35.♔f1 ♘d2+ 36.♔e1 ♖gf8=

28...f5!! 29.♘f1

29.♗xe6 ♕c6-+29.h5 ♕c6-+

29...♘g6 30.♕h2

30.♕g3 f4 31.♕xg4 ♘xe5-+

30...♕c6→ 31.g3

31.♘e3 f4 32.♘xg4 ♘xh4 33.f3 ♘xf3+ 34.gxf3 ♕xf3 35.♗xe6 ♖d2 36.♕xd2 ♕h1+ 37.♔f2 ♕g2#

31...♖h8 32.f4

32.♘e3 ♘xe5-+

32...♘xh4! 33.gxh4 ♖xh4! 34.♕g3 ♖h3

34...♖d3 35.♖e3 ♖xe3 36.♘xe3 ♕h1+ 37.♔f2 ♖h2+-+

35.♖e3 ♖xg3+ 36.♖xg3 ♖d2! 37.♘xd2 ♕h1+ 38.♔f2 ♕h2+ 39.♔e1 ♕xg3+ 40.♔d1 ♕xf4 0-1

49. !N B23
Bersamina, Paulo (2402) - Xiong, Jeffery (2633)
Bhubaneswar 130/49, 2016

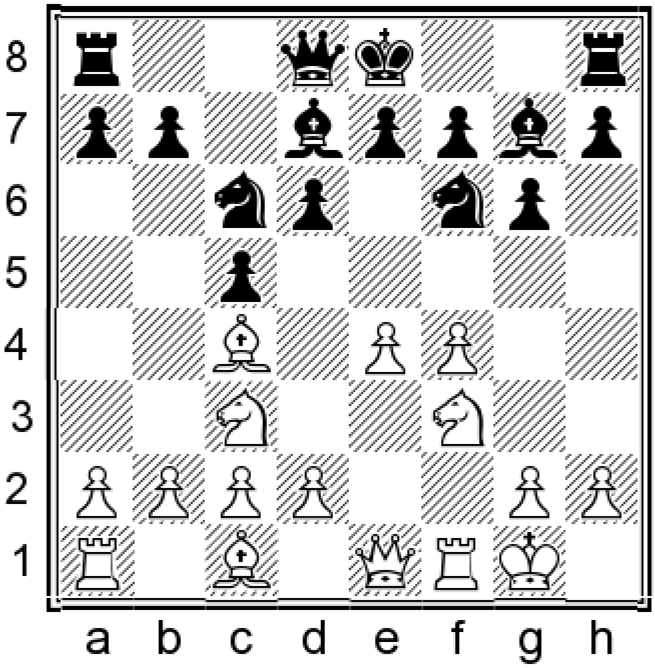
1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 d6 3.f4 ♘c6 4.♘f3 g6 5.♗b5 ♗d7 6.O-O ♗g7 7.♗c4

7.d3 - 97/75

7...♘a5!

7...♘d4 8.a4!? (8.♘xd4?! cxd4 9.♘e2 ♗c6 10.♗d3 h5∞)

8.♗e2 ♘f6 9.♕e1 ♘c6 10.♗c4



10...♘d4!N

10...♘a5 11.♗e2 ♘c6 12.♗c4 ♘a5=

11.♕h4?!

11.♘xd4 cxd4 12.e5 (12.♘d1 O-O∞) 12...dxc3 13.exf6 ♗xf6 14.dxc3 O-O=

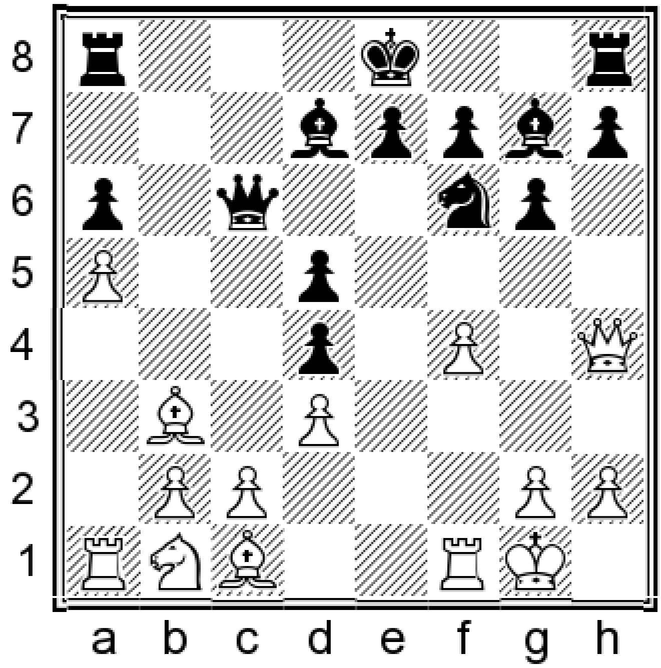
11...b5! 12.♘xd4 cxd4 13.♘xb5 ♕b6 14.a4 a6 15.a5

15.♘a3 ♘xe4 16.d3 ♘f6 17.♗b3 d5∓

15...♕c6 16.♘a3 ♘xe4 17.d3 ♘f6 18.♘b1 d5

18...O-O!?

19.♗b3



19...♕c5?!

19...♘g4! 20.♖e1 ♕c5∓

20.♖e1

20.♘d2 ♘g4 21.♘f3 O-O (21...♘e3 22.♖e1 O-O (22...♖b8 23.♗xe3 dxe3 24.d4 ♗xd4 25.♘xd4 ♕xd4 26.♖ad1 ♕e4 27.♖xd5 ♗c6 28.♖g5) 23.♗xe3 dxe3 24.d4∞) 22.♖e1 ♗f6∞

20...♘g4 21.♖e2 ♘e3 22.h3 O-O 23.♕e1 ♖ab8! 24.♖a3 ♖fc8↑ 25.♔h1 ♗f5 26.♗xe3 dxe3 27.♖xe3 ♗xb2 28.♖a2 ♗d4 29.♖f3 h5 30.♘d2 ♗c3 31.♕f2 e6 32.♕xc5 ♖xc5 33.♘f1 ♖xa5 34.♖xa5 ♗xa5 35.♔h2 ♗c3 36.g3 a5 37.♘e3 ♖b4 38.g4 hxg4 39.hxg4 ♗xd3 40.♘g2 a4 41.♗xa4

41.♗a2 ♗c4 42.♖xc3 ♗xa2-+

41...♗e4 42.♖xc3 ♖xa4 43.♘e1 ♖a1 44.♖e3 ♖c1 45.♖e2

45.c3

45...♔f8! 46.♔g3 ♔e7 47.g5 ♔d6 48.♔f2 ♗f5

48...♔c5?! 49.♖e3 (49.♘d3+? ♗xd3 50.cxd3 ♔d4-+) 49...♔d4 50.♖a3⌓48...♖a1

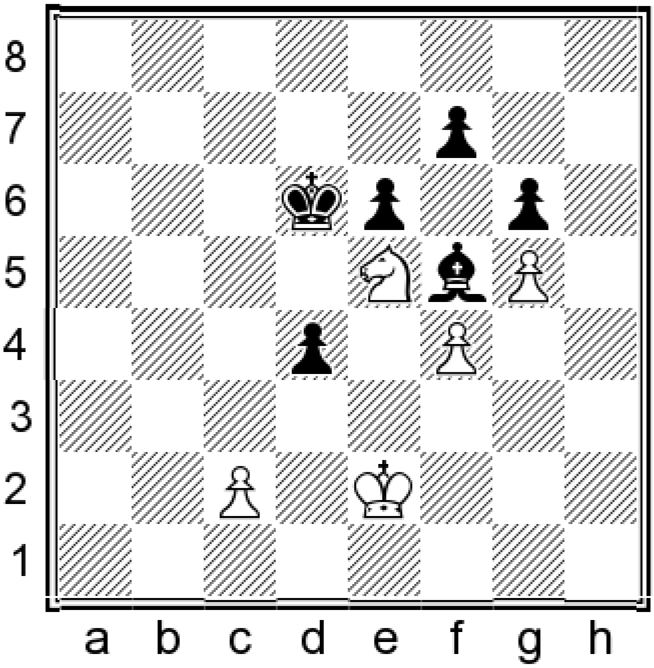
49.♘d3

49.♖e3! ♖a1 (49...♗xc2?? 50.♖c3) 50.♖b3 ♖a7∓

49...♖h1! 50.♘e5 ♖h2+ 51.♔e3

51.♔e1 ♖xe2+ 52.♔xe2 d4! 53.♘xf7+ ♔d5-+

51...d4+ 52.♔d2 ♖xe2+ 53.♔xe2



53...♔d5! 54.♔d2 ♔e4-+ 55.♘xf7 ♔xf4 56.c3 d3 57.♘d6 e5 58.♘c4 e4 59.♘e3 ♔xg5 60.♔e1 ♗g4 61.♘d5 ♔f5 62.♔d2 ♔e5 63.♘e7 g5 64.♔e3 ♗f3 65.c4 g4 66.♘g6+ ♔d6 67.♘h4 ♔c5 68.♘f5 ♔xc4 69.♔d2 ♔d5 70.♔e3 ♔e6 71.♘g3 ♔e5 72.♘f1 ♔f5 73.♘g3+ ♔g5 74.♘f1 ♔h4 75.♔f2 ♔h3 76.♔e3 g3 77.♘d2 g2 78.♔f2 0-1

50. B31**
Caruana, Fabiano (2808) - Eljanov, Pavel (2739)
Baku (ol) 130/50, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.♗xc6 bxc6 5.O-O ♗g7 6.♖e1 ♘h6 7.c3 O-O 8.h3 f5

8...d5 9.d3 c4 10.dxc4 dxe4 11.♕xd8 ♖xd8 12.♖xe4 e5⯹ - 130/51

9.e5 ♘f7 10.d3 ♖b8

10...♗a6 11.c4 e6 12.♘c3 g5∞ - 129/46

11.♘a3N

11.c4?! d6!↑11.♘bd2

11...♗a6 12.♘c4

12.d4 cxd4 13.cxd4 ♕b6=12.♕e2N d6 13.e6?! (13.♗f4 dxe5 14.♘xe5 ♘xe5 15.♗xe5 ♗xd3 (15...♗xe5 16.♕xe5 ♖xb2 17.♕xc5 ♕b6=) 16.♕e3 ♗xe5 17.♕xe5 ♕d5=) 13...♘e5∓ Garcia Martin,M (2218)-Sgircea,S (2286) Espana 130/(50) 2016

12...♗xc4 13.dxc4 d6 14.e6 ♘e5 15.♘xe5 ♗xe5 16.♗h6 ♗g7

16...♖xb2 17.♕c1! ♖b6 18.♗xf8 ♕xf8 19.f4±

17.♗xg7 ♔xg7 18.♖b1

18.b4 cxb4 19.cxb4 ♖xb4 20.♕d4+ ♔g8 21.♕xa7 c5=

18...♕a5 19.a4 ♖f6

19...♖fd8N 20.♕c2 d5 21.b4 ♕c7 22.cxd5 cxd5= Quesada Perez,Y (2636)-Kuzubov,Y (2629) Espana 130/(50) 2016

20.♖e3 ♕a6 21.b3 ♕c8 22.♕e1 a5

22...♖b7 23.b4 ♕b8 24.♕d2 a6=22...♕a6!?

23.b4 axb4 24.cxb4 cxb4 25.♖xb4 ♖a8

25...♖xb4! 26.♕xb4 ♖xe6 27.a5 ♔f7 28.♕b6 ♖xe3 29.fxe3 f4!= 30.exf4 (30.a6 fxe3 31.a7 c5 32.♕b8 e2 33.♔f2 ♕f5+=) (30.e4 ♕h8 31.a6 ♕a1+ 32.♔h2 ♕a2=) 30...♕e6! 31.a6 ♕xc4 32.a7 ♕c1+=

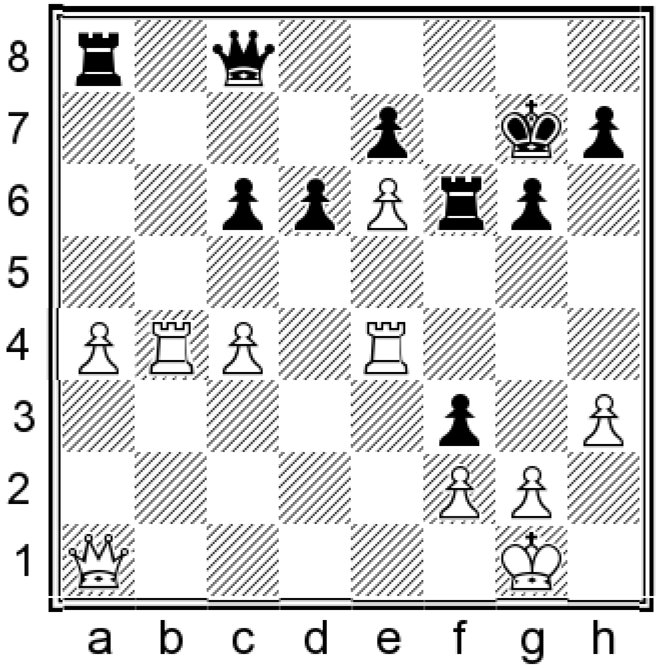
26.♕a1

26.c5 dxc5 27.♖c4±

26...f4

26...♔g8 27.a5 ♖xe6 28.♖xe6 ♕xe6 29.a6 ♔f7 30.♖b7 ♕xc4 31.a7 ♕c5=

27.♖e4 f3



28.g4! ♔g8 29.♕d1 ♖xe6?!

29...c5 30.♖b5 ♕f8 31.♖b7 ♕h6 32.♕f1 (32.♔h2 ♕h4 33.♖b2 h5∞) 32...♕f8 33.♕d1 ♕h6=

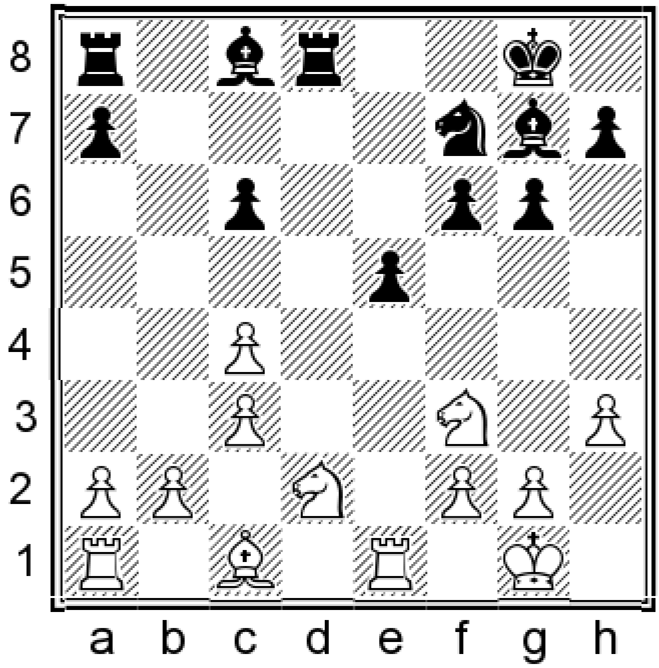
30.♕xf3 ♖xe4 31.♕xe4± ♕c7 32.c5! dxc5 33.♕c4+ ♔g7 34.♕c3+ ♔g8 35.♕c4+ ♔g7 36.♕xc5 ♕d6?!

36...♖a5 37.♕e3 ♖e5 38.♕c3 ♕a5 39.♔g2 ♕d5+ 40.♔g3 ♔f7±

37.♕c3+ ♕f6 38.♕e3! ♖f8 39.♗e4 ♖f7 40.♖e5 ♕d6 41.a5!+- ♕d1+ 42.♔g2 ♕a1 43.♕e2! e6 44.a6 ♕d4 45.♖xe6 c5 46.♖e7 ♕d5+ 47.f3 c4 48.♖xf7+ ♕xf7 49.♕e5+ ♔h6 50.♕e3+ ♔g7 51.♕d4+ ♔h6 52.a7 ♕b7 53.h4 1-0

51.* B31
Anand, Viswanathan (2776) - Gelfand, Boris (2743)
Moscow 130/51, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 g6 4.♗xc6 bxc6 5.O-O ♗g7 6.♖e1 ♘h6 7.c3 O-O 8.h3 d5 9.d3 c4 10.dxc4 dxe4 11.♕xd8 ♖xd8 12.♖xe4 e5 13.♖e1 f6 14.♘bd2 ♘f7



15.♘e4N

15.♘b3 - 130/(51) 15...a5 16.♗e3 a4 17.♘c5N (17.♗b6 - 129/48) 17...♗f8 18.b3 ♗xc5 19.♗xc5 ♔g7 20.♖ad1 ♖xd1 21.♖xd1 ♗f5= Borisek,J (2558)-Hracek,Z (2591) Baku (ol) 130/(51) 2016

15...f5 16.♘eg5 e4 17.♘xf7 ♔xf7 18.♗g5 ♖d3 19.♘d4 ♗a6

19...♗xd4!? 20.cxd4 ♖xd4 21.b3 ♗e6 22.♖ad1 ♖xd1 23.♖xd1 a5 24.♖d6 ♖a6 25.♔f1 a4 26.♔e1 axb3 27.axb3 ♖b6 28.♔d2 ♖xb3 29.♖xc6±

20.b3 c5 21.♘e2 h6 22.♗e3 ♖c8 23.h4 ♗f6

23...♖xc3 24.♖ad1 (24.♘xc3 ♗xc3 25.♗xh6±) 24...♖d3 25.♖xd3 exd3 26.♘f4±

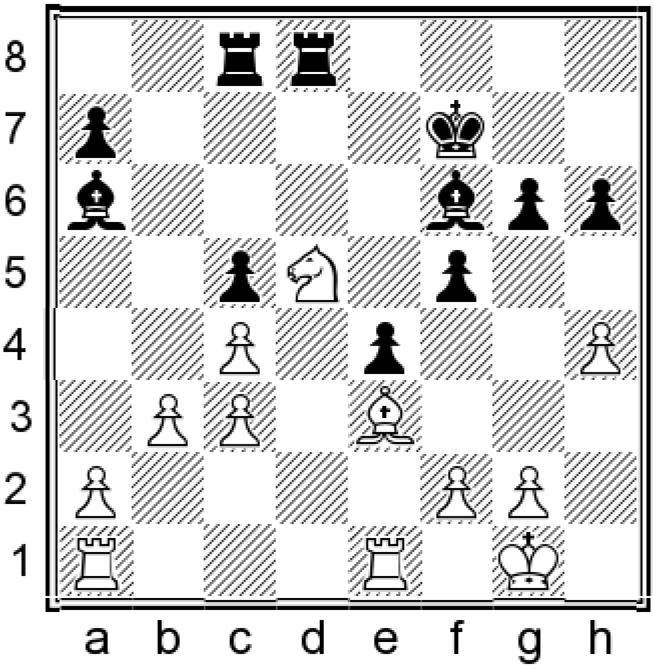
24.♘f4

24.♗xh6 ♗xh4 25.♘f4 ♖d2 26.♘h3 ♖d3 27.♗e3±

24...♖dd8

24...♖xc3? 25.♖ad1±

25.♘d5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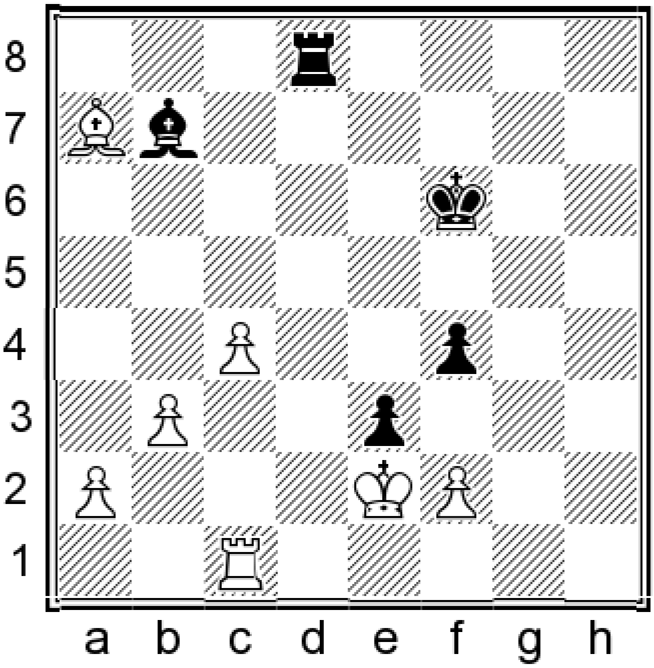
25...♗xh4?!

25...♖xd5! 26.cxd5 ♗xc3 27.♗xh6 c4!=

26.♗xh6 ♗b7 27.g3 ♗f6?!

27...♗xd5 28.gxh4± (28.cxd5? ♗f6∓)

28.♘xf6 ♔xf6 29.♗e3 ♖d3 30.♔f1! g5 31.♔e2 ♖xc3 32.♖ac1 ♖xc1 33.♖xc1 ♖d8 34.♗xc5 f4 35.gxf4 gxf4 36.♗xa7 e3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37.♗xe3!

37.fxe3? f3+ 38.♔e1 ♗e4⇄

37...fxe3 38.♔xe3± ♗c8?!

⌓38...♔e5

39.♖c2 ♗f5?

⌓39...♔e7 40.♖d2 ♗d7 41.♔d4 ♔d6 42.♔c3+ ♔c7 43.b4±

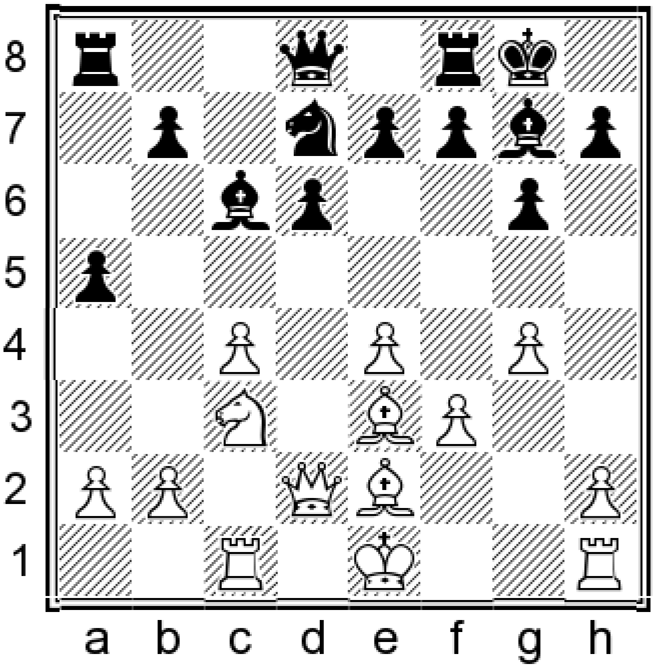
40.♖d2 ♖a8 41.♔d4 ♔e6 42.♔c3 ♔e5 43.a4 ♗e4 44.♔b4 ♖b8+ 45.♔a3 ♖f8 46.a5 ♖f3 47.♔b4 ♗b7 48.♖d8 ♖xf2 49.♔c5+- ♖f6 50.♖e8+ ♔f4 51.b4 ♖c6+ 52.♔d4 ♖d6+ 53.♔c5 ♖c6+ 54.♔b5 ♖f6 55.♖e7 ♗a6+ 56.♔c5 ♖f5+ 57.♔d4 ♔f3 58.b5 1-0

52. B38
Rapport, Jovana (2318) - Muzychuk, Anna (2550)
Baku (ol) 130/52, 2016

1.c4 c5 2.♘f3 g6 3.e4 ♗g7 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♘c6 6.♗e3 ♘f6 7.♘c3 d6 8.♗e2 O-O 9.♖c1

9.O-O - 115/54

9...♗d7 10.♕d2 ♘xd4 11.♗xd4 ♗c6 12.f3 a5 13.♗e3 ♘d7 14.g4!?

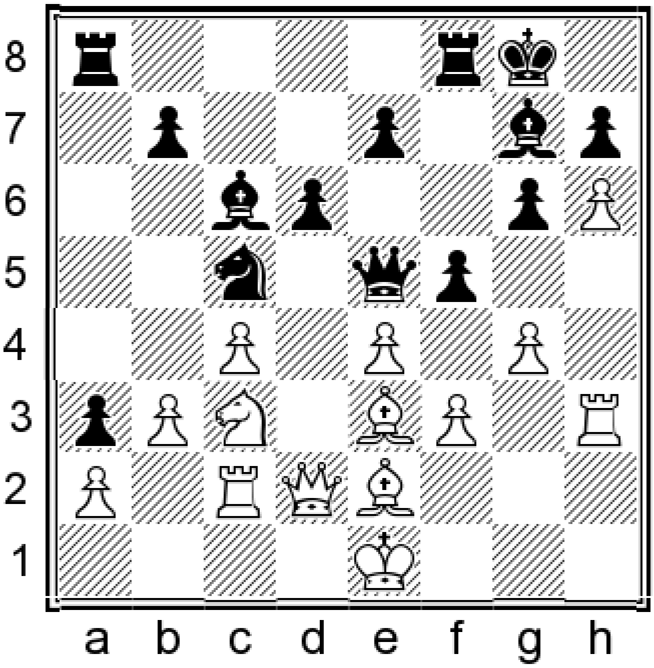


14.O-O

14...a4N

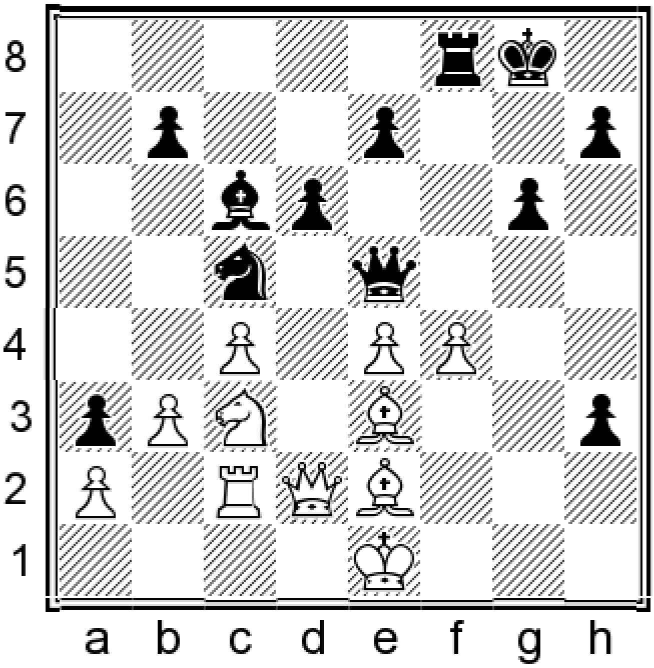
14...♘c5

15.h4 ♕a5 16.h5 ♕e5 17.♖h3 ♘c5 18.♖c2 a3 19.b3 f5 20.h6?



20.exf5 gxf5 21.f4 ♕e6 22.h6 ♗xh6 23.gxf5 ♖xf5 24.♗g4 ♖af8 25.♘d5 ♗g7=∞

20...fxg4! 21.hxg7 gxh3 22.gxf8=Q+ ♖xf8 23.f4?



23.♕d1□ h2 24.♔d2 ♖f4! 25.♕h1 ♘xe4+ 26.♘xe4 ♖xe4 27.fxe4 ♗xe4 28.♗f3 ♗xc2 29.♗xb7! (29.♔xc2?! ♕xe3∓) 29...♗xb3 30.axb3 a2 31.♗d5+ e6 32.♗xe6+ ♕xe6 33.♗d4=

23...♘xe4! 24.fxe5 h2 25.♕d4

25.♗f3 ♘xd2 26.♖xd2 ♖xf3-+

25...h1=Q+ 26.♗g1 ♖f2! 27.♘xe4

27.♕xf2 ♘xf2 28.♔xf2 ♕g2+-+

27...♕xg1+ 28.♔d2 ♖xe2+ 0-1

53. B39
Khismatullin, Denis (2617) - Sengupta, Deep (2570)
Saint Petersburg 130/53, 2016

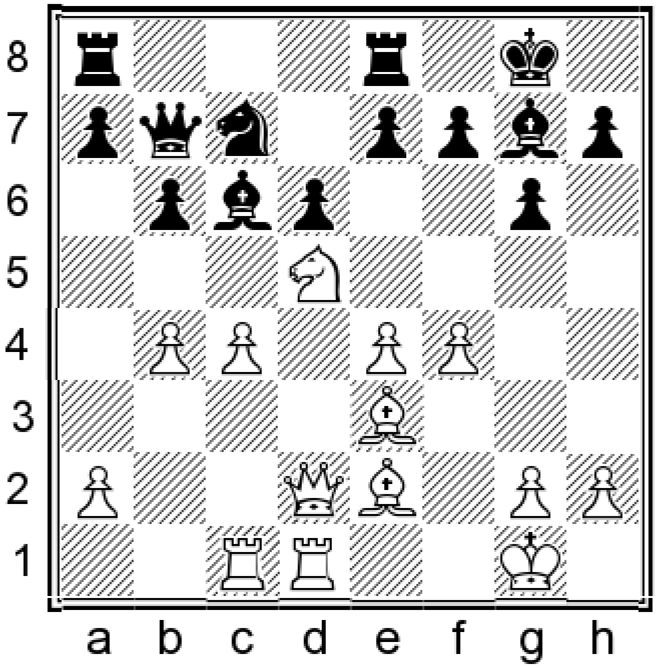
1.c4 g6 2.e4 ♗g7 3.d4 c5 4.♘f3 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♘c6 6.♗e3 ♘f6 7.♘c3 ♘g4 8.♕xg4 ♘xd4 9.♕d1 ♘e6 10.♕d2 b6

10...♕a5 - 64/(174)

11.♗e2 ♗b7 12.O-O O-O 13.f3 ♗c6 14.b4 d6N

14...a5

15.♖ac1 ♕d7 16.♖fd1 ♕b7 17.♘d5 ♖fe8 18.f4 ♘c7



19.b5

19.f5!? ♘xd5 (19...e6 20.f6 exd5 21.fxg7 ♖xe4 22.cxd5 ♗a4 23.♖f1 ♖ae8 24.♗h6 ♕xd5 (24...♖xe2? 25.♖xf7! ♔xf7 (25...♖xd2? 26.♖f8++-) 26.♖f1+ ♔e7 27.♕xe2++-) 25.♕xd5 ♘xd5 26.♗f3 ♘e3 27.♗xe4 ♘xf1 28.♗c2 ♗b5 29.a4 ♗c4 30.b5↑ (30.♗xg6 hxg6 31.♖xc4 ♘e3=)) 20.exd5 ♗d7 21.fxg6 hxg6 (21...fxg6 22.c5 (22.h4!?) 22...bxc5 23.bxc5 dxc5 24.♖xc5↑) 22.h4↑

19...♗d7 20.a4 ♖ac8 21.a5 ♘xd5 22.exd5

22.cxd5 ♖xc1 23.♖xc1 ♖c8 24.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 25.a6 ♕c7 26.g4±

22...♖c7

⌓22...♗f5

23.♖c2

23.axb6 axb6 24.♗d3↑

23...bxa5 24.♖a2

24.♕xa5 e5 25.dxe6 ♗xe6⇄

24...e5 25.♕xa5

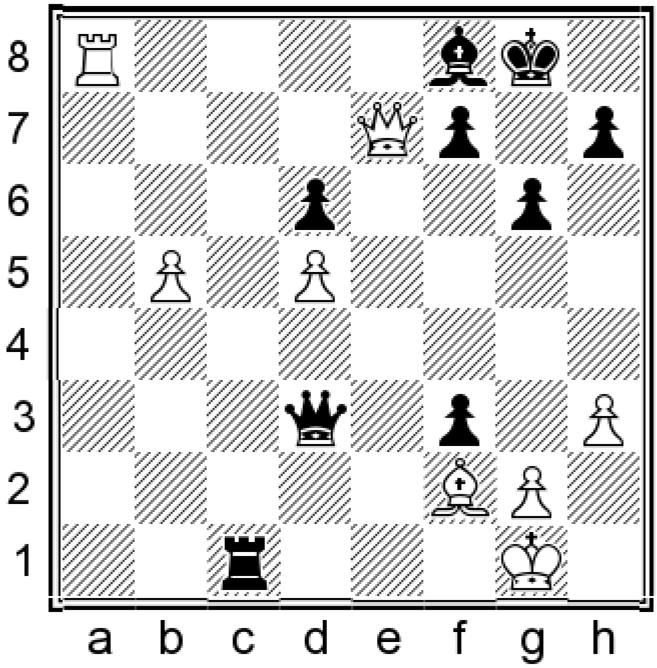
25.fxe5 ♗xe5 26.♖xa5 ♕b8 27.♗d3 ♕d8 28.♗f2±

25...♕c8! 26.♗xa7?!

26.f5! gxf5 (26...♗xf5 27.♕a6 ♕d7 (27...♕xa6 28.♖xa6±) 28.c5 dxc5 29.b6 axb6 30.♗b5 ♖a7 31.♕xb6 ♖xa2 32.♗xd7 ♗xd7 33.♕c7±) 27.♗xa7 ♖b7 28.♕e1!? f4 29.♕h4±

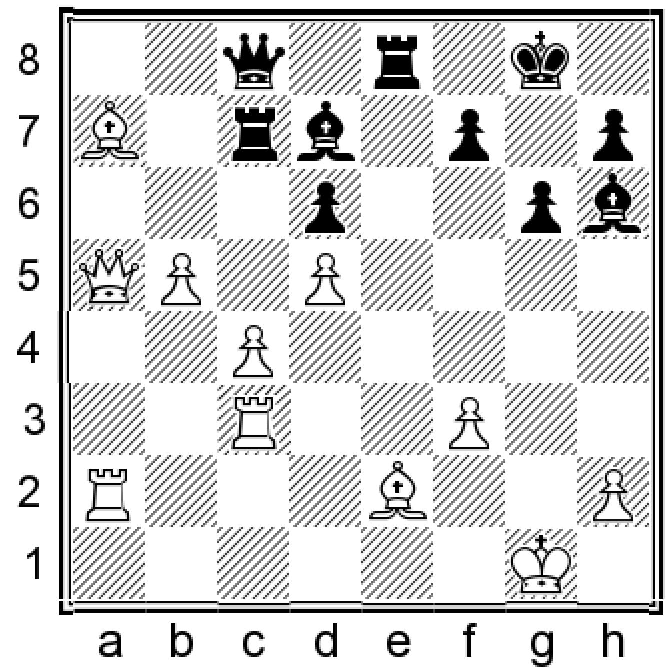
26...exf4 27.♖c1?!

27.♗f2 ♗g4 28.♗xg4 ♕xg4 29.♖e1 ♖xe1+ 30.♕xe1 f3 31.♖a8+ ♗f8 32.♗g3 ♖xc4 (32...♕d4+ 33.♗f2 ♕g4=) 33.h3 ♕d4+ 34.♗f2 ♕d3 35.b6 (35.♕e7 ♖c1+



36.♗e1 (36.♔h2 ♖h1+!! 37.♔xh1 (37.♔g3 fxg2+-+) 37...♕f1+-+) 36...f2+ 37.♔h2 (37.♔xf2 ♖c2+ 38.♔g1 ♖xg2+ 39.♔xg2 ♕xd5+ 40.♔f2 ♕xa8 41.♕c7⯹) 37...♕g3+!! 38.♔xg3 fxe1=Q+-+) 35...♖e4 36.♕f1 ♕xd5 37.♕b1 ♖e7∞ (37...♕g5 38.g3 ♖c4 39.♖a1⯹)

27...f3! 28.gxf3 ♗h6 29.♖c3?



29.♖ca1 ♖xa7 30.♕xa7 ♗e3+ 31.♕xe3 ♖xe3 32.♖a8 ♖xe2 33.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 34.♖a8 ♖e8 35.b6 ♔f8 36.♖a7⩱

29...♗h3!

29...♗f4 30.♗b6 ♖b7 31.♗f2 ♗h3 32.♗d3 ♖be7 33.♖ca3=

30.♗f2 ♖ce7

30...♕f5! 31.♕a4 ♗f4-+

31.♗d3 ♖e1+! 32.♗xe1 ♕c5+ 0-1

54. B42
Kosteniuk, Alexandra (2538) - Krush, Irina (2444)
Baku (ol) 130/54, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 a6 5.♗d3 ♘f6 6.O-O ♕c7 7.♕e2 d6 8.a4!?

8.c4 - 128/56

8...b6 9.f4 ♘bd7 10.b4!?N

10.♘c310.♘d2

10...d5?

10...e5!? 11.fxe5 dxe5 12.♘f5 g6 (12...♗b7 13.♖a3) 13.♘h6 ♗xb4 14.♗c4 ♖f8 15.♗g5↑10...♗e7!? 11.♖a3 ♗b7 12.♖c3 ♕b8

11.e5!

11.exd5 ♘xd5∞

11...♘e4 12.♗a3

12.♗xe4?! dxe4 13.♕xe4 ♗b7 14.♕e1 ♕c4∓12.c3!? ♘xc3?! 13.♘xc3 ♕xc3 14.♗e3±

12...a5!? 13.♘b5 ♕c6 14.bxa5 ♗c5+

14...♗xa3 15.♘1xa3 ♖xa5 16.♗xe4+-

15.♗xc5 ♘dxc5 16.♘a7 ♕c7 17.axb6

17.♘xc8 ♖xc8 18.♗xe4 ♘xe4 19.♕b5+±

17...♕xb6 18.♘xc8 ♖xc8 19.♗b5+ ♘d7+

19...♔f8 Δ g6, ♔g7

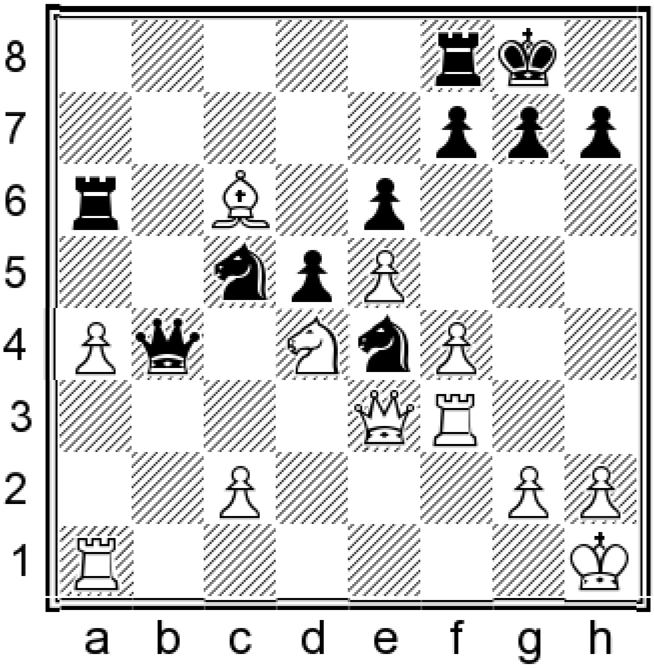
20.♔h1 ♕a7 21.♗d3 ♘dc5 22.♕e3 ♖c7?

22...♖a8

23.♘a3 ♕a5 24.♘b5 ♖c8 25.♘d4

25.♗xe4! ♘xe4 26.♕a3±

25...O-O 26.♗b5 ♖a8 27.♖f3 ♕b4 28.♗c6 ♖a6



29.f5! ♖c8 30.♗b5 ♖aa8 31.c3

31.♘c6 ♕xb5 32.♘e7+ ♔f8 33.♘xc8 ♕b2 34.♖af1 ♖xc8 35.fxe6 ♖c7∞31.c4! dxc4 32.fxe6 fxe6 33.♘c6 ♕xb5 34.♘e7+ ♔h8 35.♘xc8 ♕b2 36.♖f8#

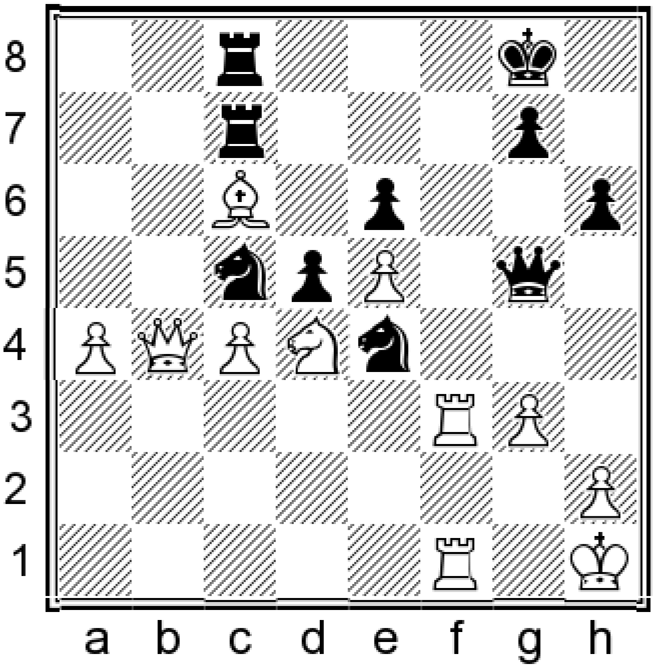
31...♕b2 32.♖af1 ♕d2 33.fxe6 fxe6

33...♘xe6? 34.♘xe6 fxe6 35.♗d7+-

34.♘c6 ♖c7 35.♕d4 h6 36.♕b4 ♕g5 37.g3 ♕d2 38.♘d4 ♕g5 39.♘c6 ♕d2 40.♘d4 ♕g5 41.♗c6!?

41.♖f8+!? ♖xf8 42.♖xf8+ ♔h7 43.♕a5 (43.a5 ♕xe5 44.a6 ♕d6) 43...♘xg3+! 44.hxg3 ♕xg3 45.♕xc7 ♕h3+ 46.♔g1 ♕g4+! (46...♕g3+?? 47.♔f1+-) 47.♔f1 ♕d1+ 48.♔f2 ♘e4+ 49.♔g2 ♕g4+=

41...♖ac8 42.c4



42.♘xe6 ♘xe6 43.♗xd5 ♘c5∞

42...♕d2!

42...♖xc6? 43.♘xc6 ♖xc6 44.♖f8+ ♔h7 45.♕b8+-42...♕xe5 43.cxd5 exd5 44.♖f5±

43.♕xd2 ♘xd2 44.cxd5 ♘xf3 45.♖xf3 exd5 46.♗xd5+ ♔h7 47.♖f4?!

47.e6 ♖d8 (47...♘xa4!?) 48.♖f5∞

47...♖d7?!

47...♖d8! 48.♘e6 ♘xe6 49.♗xe6 ♖e7 50.♗f5+ g6 51.♗c2 ♖xe5∓

48.♗c4 g5 49.e6

49.♖f7+!? ♖xf7 50.♗xf7

49...gxf4 50.exd7 ♘xd7 51.♗d3+ ♔h8 52.♗f5 ♖c1+

52...fxg3! 53.♗xd7 ♖c1+ 54.♔g2 gxh2 55.♔xh2 ♖d1-+

53.♔g2 ♘c5 54.gxf4 ♘xa4 55.♔g3 ♘c5 56.♘e6 ♘d7 57.♘d4 ♘f6 58.♘f3 ♖c3 59.h3 ♔g7 60.♗b1 ♖c4 61.♘e5 ♖b4 62.♗g6 ♘d5 63.♗f5

63.f5 ♘e7-+

63...♘xf4 64.♘g4 ♘e2+ 65.♔h4 ♘d4

65...h5?? 66.♔xh5 ♖b5 67.♔g5 ♘d4 68.♘e3 ♖e5 69.♔f4=

66.♗e4 ♘e6 67.♗g2 h5! 0-1

55. B43
Perez Gormaz, Matias (2444) - Gholami, Aryan (2435)
Baku (ol) 130/55, 2016

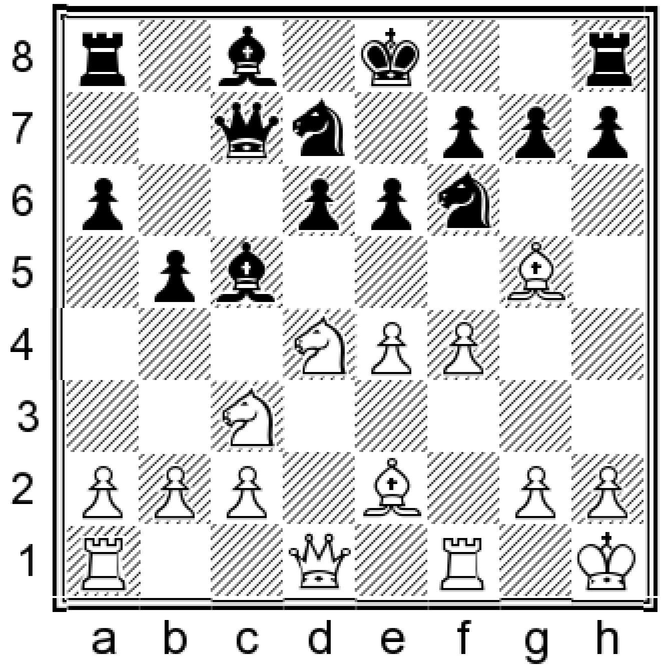
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 a6 5.♗e2 ♘f6 6.♘c3 ♕c7 7.O-O ♗c5 8.♔h1?!

8.♗g5 - 121/56

8...d6 9.♗g5 ♘bd7 10.f4N

10.♘b3

10...b5?



11.f5!± ♗xd4

11...e5?? 12.♘e6! (12.♘d5! ♘xd5 13.♘e6 fxe6 14.♗h5+ ♔f8 15.fxe6+ ♘7f6 16.exd5+-) 12...fxe6 13.♗h5+ ♔d8 14.fxe6+-11...h6 12.♗h4±11...♘e5!? 12.fxe6 fxe6 13.♗xf6 gxf6 14.♖xf6 ♕e7 15.♗h5+ ♔d8 16.♖f1±

12.♕xd4

12.fxe6 ♗xc3 13.exd7+ ♘xd7 14.bxc3 (14.♖xf7?? ♔xf7 15.♕d5+ ♔f8 16.bxc3 ♘b6!! 17.♖f1+ ♔e8 18.♗h5+ g6 19.♕d4 ♖g8 20.♗e2 ♖b8-+) 14...♘e5∞

12...e5 13.♕b4 ♕c5 14.♕xc5

14.a3 ♕xb4 15.axb4 ♗b7 16.♖ad1 ♔e7=

14...dxc5 15.♖fd1

15.♗f3 ♗b7 16.♖fe1±

15...♗b7 16.a4 b4 17.♘d5 ♗xd5 18.exd5 ♘e4 19.♗e3 ♘d6 20.g4 ♔e7 21.♔g2 a5 22.b3?!

22.♖f1

22...♖hc8 23.c4 bxc3 24.♖ac1 c4 25.bxc4 ♘xc4 26.♖xc3

26.♗f2! ♔d6 (26...c2 27.d6+! ♘xd6 28.♖d2 ♘e4 29.♖dxc2 ♖xc2 30.♗h4+! ♔d6 31.♖xc2∞) 27.♖xc3 ♘b2 28.♖dc1 ♖xc3 29.♖xc3 ♘xa4 30.♖c6+! (30.♖c1? ♘ac5-+) 30...♔xd5 31.♖c1! (31.♗b5 ♘ac5 32.♖c7 ♖d8) 31...♖b8 (31...♘ab6?? 32.♖d1+ ♔c6 33.♗f3++-) 32.♗c4+ ♔d6 33.♗xf7

26...♘xe3+ 27.♖xe3 ♔d6 28.♗b5 ♖c2+ 29.♖e2?

29.♔f3 f6 (29...♘c5) 30.♗xd7 ♔xd7 31.♖b1∓

29...♖xe2+ 30.♗xe2 ♖c8 31.♖b1 ♖b8?

31...♖c2!

32.♗b5 ♘f6 33.♖c1

33.h3 ♘xd5 34.♖c1

33...♘xg4 34.♖c6+?!

34.♔f3 ♘f6 35.♖c6+ ♔xd5 36.♖c7 ♘e4-+

34...♔xd5 35.♖a6 ♘e3+ 36.♔f2 ♘xf5 37.♖xa5 ♘d6 38.♗d7+ ♔d4 39.♗c6 ♘e4+ 40.♔g1 ♖b1+ 41.♔g2 ♖b2+ 42.♔g1 ♘c3 43.♖a7 ♘e2+

43...♔e3!

44.♔f1 ♔e3 45.h4 f5 46.♖xg7 ♖b1+ 0-1

56. B46
Andreikin, Dmitry (2733) - Zubov, Alexander (2606)
Abu Dhabi 130/56, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 a6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗f4 d6 7.♘xc6 bxc6 8.♕d2 d5

8...e5 - 107/51

9.O-O-O ♘f6 10.g4 ♗b4 11.♗g2 O-ON

11...♕a5

12.g5 ♘d7 13.a3 ♗a5 14.h4 ♖e8 15.♗g3 ♗b7 16.h5 ♗xc3 17.♕xc3 ♕xg5+ 18.♔b1 ♕f6 19.e5

19.♕b3!? ♖a7 (19...♖ab8 20.♗xb8 ♖xb8 21.♕g3±) (19...♘c5 20.♕b6 ♕e7 (20...♘d7 21.♕c7!+-) 21.h6 g6 22.exd5 cxd5 (22...exd5 23.♗h4 ♕f8 24.♖de1±) 23.♗d6 ♘a4 24.♕d4 e5 25.♗xe7 exd4 26.♖he1±) 20.♕e3 ♖aa8 21.♗h4 ♕e5 22.f4↑

19...♕d8

19...♕e7 20.♗h4 ♕f8 (20...♕c5 21.♕g3 ♔h8 22.♖hg1±) 21.♖hg1 ♔h8 22.f4=∞

20.♗h4 ♕c7 21.f4

21.♖de1!? c5 22.♖hg1↑

21...♔h8?

21...c5 22.♖hg1 ♔h8 23.♗h3↑

22.h6 g6 23.♗xd5! c5

23...exd5 24.e6++-

24.♗xb7 ♕xb7 25.f5! ♖ab8

25...gxf5? 26.♕g3 ♖g8 27.♕d3+-

26.♖hg1

26.b3 ♔g8 27.♖hg1±

26...♘b6 27.♗f6+

27.b3?! c4! 28.fxg6 fxg6 29.♗f6+ ♔g8∞

27...♔g8 28.fxg6 fxg6 29.♕d3± ♘d5 30.b3

30.♖xg6+!? hxg6 31.♕xg6+ ♔f8 32.b3 ♕f7 33.♕g5 ♕h7 (33...♖ed8 34.♔b2 ♔e8 35.♗xd8 ♖xd8 36.♕g4±) (33...♘c3+ 34.♔c1 ♘xd1 35.♗g7+ ♔g8 36.h7+ ♔xh7 37.♕h6+ ♔g8 38.♕h8#) 34.♗g7+ ♔g8 35.♖f1! ♖ec8 36.♖f3± ♖c7 37.♗f6+ ♔f8 38.♗e7+ ♔e8 39.♖f8+ ♔d7 40.♖xb8 ♘xe7 41.♕f6±

30...♘xf6

30...♕f7 31.♖g4 (31.♖g3!?) 31...♘xf6 32.exf6 ♕xf6 33.♖f1 ♕e5 34.♕xa6±

31.exf6 ♕f7 32.♕xa6± e5

32...♕xf6 33.♕c4±

33.♖g3 e4 34.♖e3 ♖a8 35.♕c6 ♖ac8 36.♕d7 ♖a8

36...♕xf6 37.♖xe4+-

37.a4+- ♖a6 38.♕b5 ♖xf6 39.♖xe4! ♖xe4 40.♖d8+ ♕f8 41.♕b7 ♖e1+ 42.♔b2 ♖f7 43.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 44.♕c8+ 1-0

57.*** B48
Caruana, Fabiano (2813) - Movsesian, Sergei (2677)
Douglas 130/57, 2016

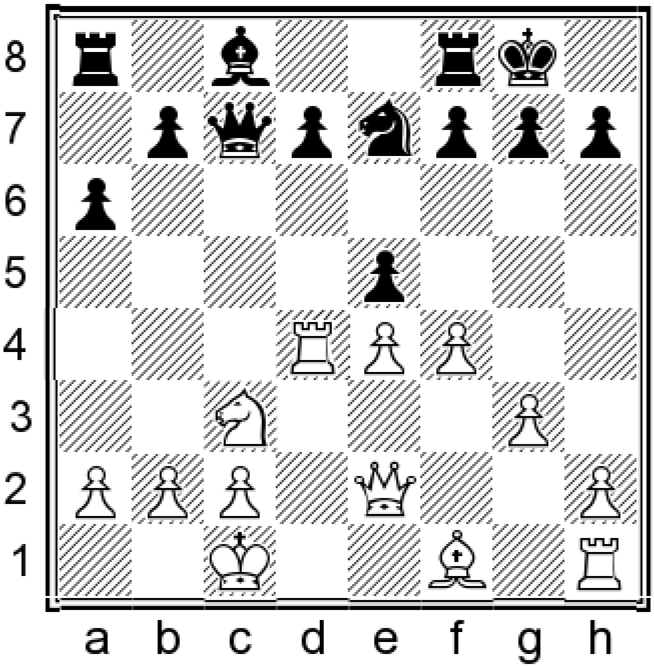
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 ♕c7 6.♗e3 a6 7.♕f3 ♗d6

7...♘e5 - 124/(54)

8.O-O-O ♗e5 9.g3 ♘ge7

9...♘f6 10.♕e2 ♘xd4 11.♗xd4 d6N (11...♗xd4) 12.♗g2 ♗xd4 13.♖xd4 e5 14.♖d3 ♗e6 15.♕d2 ♔e7 16.f4 ♖hd8 17.b3 b5 18.f5 ♗d7 19.g4 b4 20.♘d5+ (20.g5 bxc3 21.gxf6+ gxf6 22.♖xc3 ♕a5 23.♖d1↑) 20...♘xd5 21.♖xd5 ♖ac8 22.♖d1 ♗b5 23.♔b1 ♕c3 24.♕f2 f6 25.h4⩲ Brkic,A (2579)-Bosiocic,M (2607) Hrvatska 130/(57) 2016

10.♕e2 O-O 11.f4 ♗xd4 12.♗xd4 ♘xd4 13.♖xd4 e5



14.♖d1!?N

14.♕c4 - 130/ (57) 14...♕b8 15.♖d2 (15.fxe5 ♕xe5 16.♗e2 (16.♕b4 ♘c6 17.♖d5 ♕xd5 18.♕xf8+ ♔xf8 19.♘xd5 (19.exd5 ♘e5 20.♘e4 f6 21.♗g2 ♘f7=) 19...d6 20.♘b6 ♖b8 21.♗e2 ♗e6=) 16...b5 17.♕d3 ♘c6 18.♖d6 ♕e7 19.♖d1 ♖e8∞) 15...exf4 16.♕c5 ♘g6 17.♘d5 b5 18.gxf4 ♘xf4 19.♘e7+ ♔h8 20.♖g1 d6! 21.♕g5 ♘g6 22.♘f5 ♕c7 23.♕g3 f6 24.♕xd6 ♕xd6 25.♖xd6 ♖a7 26.♗e2 ♘f4 27.♗f3 g6 28.♘e3 ♖e7= Mamedov,R (2666)-Neiksans,A (2628) Baku (ol) 130/(57) 201614.fxe5 - 130/(57) 14...♘c6 15.♖d2N (15.♖d1) 15...♘xe5 16.♕e3 b5 17.♘d5 ♕d8 18.♕c3 d6 19.♗e2 ♗b7 20.♖hd1 ♖c8 21.♕a3 ♘c4 22.♗xc4 ♖xc4 23.e5 ♗xd5 24.♖xd5 ♕g5+ 25.♔b1 dxe5 26.♕xa6 ♕f5 27.♖5d2 e4= Bok,B (2592) -Meskovs,N (2476) Baku (ol) 130/(57) 2016

14...exf4 15.e5 f3

15...fxg3 16.hxg3 ♘g6 17.♖h5 ♖e8 18.♘d5 ♕d8 19.♘f4↑

16.♕xf3 ♕xe5 17.♗g2 d6

17...d5 18.♖he1 (18.♘xd5 ♘xd5 19.♕xd5 ♕e3+ 20.♔b1±) 18...♕g5+ 19.♕e3 ♕xe3+ 20.♖xe3 ♘f5 21.♖e5 d4 22.♘d5 g6 23.g4 ♘e3 24.♘xe3 dxe3 25.♗f3±

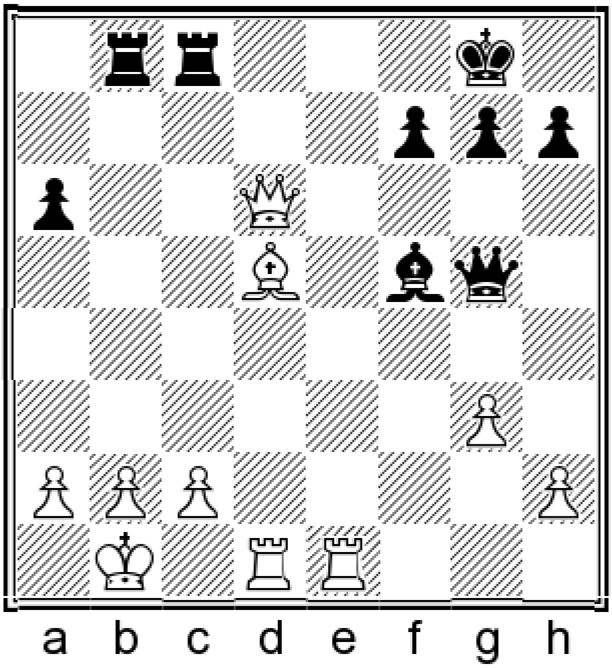
18.♖he1 ♕g5+ 19.♔b1 ♗e6

19...♗g4 20.♕xb7 ♗xd1 21.♕xe7 ♕xe7 22.♖xe7 ♗g4 23.♗xa8 ♖xa8 24.♖b7±

20.♕xb7

20.♖xd6 ♘c6 21.♕f2 ♖ad8=

20...d5 21.♘xd5 ♘xd5 22.♗xd5 ♖ab8 23.♕c6 ♖fc8 24.♕d6± ♗f5



25.♗e4!

25.♔a1 ♗xc2 (25...♗g6 26.c4±) 26.♗xf7+! ♔h8 (26...♔xf7? 27.♕e6+ ♔f8 28.♖f1++-) 27.♖c1±

25...♗xe4 26.♖xe4 ♖d8 27.♖de1! ♕b5 28.♕e5 ♕c6 29.b3 h6 30.♔b2 ♖b5 31.♕f4 ♖c8 32.♖1e2

32.c4 ♖b7 33.♖e5+-

32...♖c5 33.c4 a5 34.♕e3 ♔h7 35.♖e5 ♕f6 36.♕f4+- ♕g6 37.♕e4 f5 38.♕d4 ♕h5 39.♖f2 ♖xe5 40.♕xe5 ♖f8 41.♕xa5 ♕d1 42.♕d2 ♕g1 43.♕c2 ♔h8 44.a4 g5 45.c5 f4 46.c6 f3 47.c7 ♔g7 48.♖d2 f2 49.♖d7+ 1-0

B50-B99

58.* B50
Gundavaa, Bayarsaihan (2492) - Palac, Mladen (2623)
Baku (ol) 130/58, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.c3 ♘f6 4.♗e2 ♗d7 5.d3 ♗c6

5...g6 6.♘bd2 (6.O-O - 77/ (180)) 6...♗g7 7.O-O O-O 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 ♘c6 10.a3 ♕b6N (10...♖c8) (10...a5) 11.e5 (11.♘c4 ♕c7 12.d5 ♘a5 13.♘cd2 (13.♘xa5 ♕xa5 14.♗d3 ♗b5=) 13...b5∞) 11...♘d5 12.♗c4 (12.♘c4 ♕c7 13.exd6 exd6 14.♖e1 ♗e6∓) 12...♘c7 (12...e6!? 13.exd6 ♘xd4 14.♗xd5 exd5 15.♘xd4 ♕xd4 16.♘f3 ♕c4∓) 13.♘e4?! ♗g4∓ Gundavaa,B (2492)-Andersen,M (2535) Baku (ol) 130/ (58) 2016

6.O-O

6.♘bd2 - 112/111

6...♘bd7 7.♘bd2 e6 8.♖e1 ♗e7 9.♗f1 O-O 10.d4 cxd4 11.♘xd4 ♕c7 12.c4N

12.♘xc6

12...♖fe8 13.b3

13.b4 ♕b6 14.♘xc6 ♕xc6 15.♗b2 a5 16.b5 (16.a3 axb4 17.axb4 ♕b6∞) 16...♕c7 17.g3 ♘c5∞

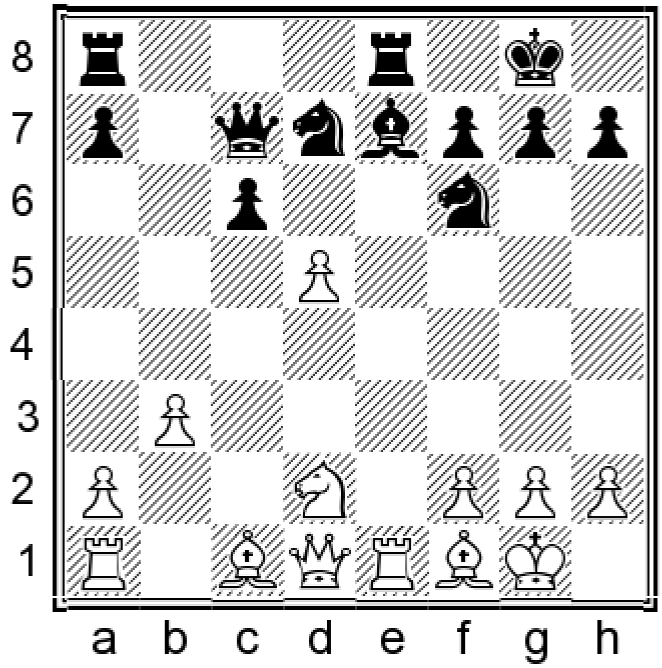
13...d5! 14.cxd5

14.♘xc6 bxc6 15.♗b2 dxe4 (15...♗d6 16.g3 ♗e5=) 16.♘xe4 ♘xe4 17.♖xe4 ♗f6 18.♕c2 ♗xb2 19.♕xb2 e5=

14...exd5 15.♘xc6

15.exd5 ♗xd5 16.♘c4 ♗c5 17.♗e3 ♖ad8∓

15...bxc6 16.exd5



16...♗c5!

16...cxd5 17.♗b2 ♗c5 18.♘f3 ♘g4 (18...♕b6 19.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 20.♗d4=) 19.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 20.♗d4 ♖e1! 21.♕xe1 ♗xd4 22.♖c1 (22.♕e8+ ♘f8 23.♕a4 ♗xa1 (23...♗xf2+ 24.♔h1 ♕c3 25.♖b1 ♕c2 26.♖a1 ♕c3=) 24.♕xg4 ♘e6=) 22...♗xf2+ 23.♔h1 ♕d8 24.♕c3 ♗e3 25.♕c8 ♘f2+ 26.♔g1 ♘e4+ 27.♔h1 ♘f2+=

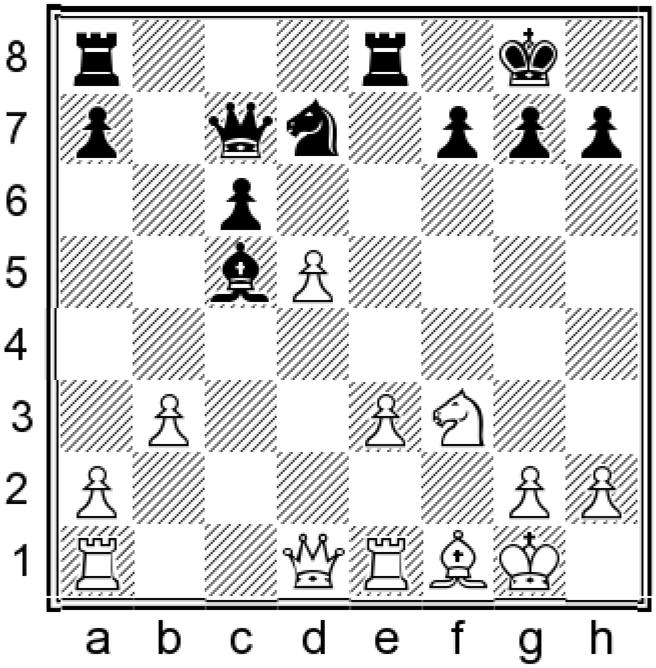
17.♘f3?!

17.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 18.dxc6 ♘e5 19.h3 ♖d8 (19...♕xc6 20.♗b2 ♗xf2+ 21.♔xf2 ♕c5+ 22.♔g3 ♕d6 23.♔f2 ♕c5+=) 20.b4 (20.♗b2 ♗xf2+ 21.♔h1 (21.♔xf2? ♖xd2+-+) 21...♗b6 22.♕e2 ♘d3 23.♗xf6□ ♘f2+ 24.♕xf2 ♗xf2 25.♗xd8 ♕xd8∓) 20...♗d4 21.♖b1 ♕xc6=∞

17...♘g4 18.♗e3 ♘xe3

18...♖xe3 19.fxe3 (19.♖xe3?! ♘xf2! 20.♔xf2 ♖e8∓) 19...♘xe3 (19...♗xe3+ 20.♖xe3 ♘xe3 21.d6! ♕b6 22.♕d4∞) 20.♖xe3 ♗xe3+ 21.♔h1 ♘f6 22.dxc6 (22.d6 ♘g4 23.dxc7 ♘f2+ 24.♔g1 ♘xd1+ 25.♔h1 ♘f2+ 26.♔g1 ♘g4+ 27.♔h1 ♖c8∓) 22...♕xc6∓

19.fxe3



19...♗xe3+

19...♘f6! 20.d6 (20.dxc6 ♗xe3+ 21.♔h1 (21.♖xe3 ♖xe3 22.♖c1 ♖e6∓) 21...♕xc6 22.♗c4 ♘e4∓) 20...♗xd6 (20...♕b6 21.♗c4 ♖ad8∓) 21.♗c4 h6 22.♕d3 ♖e4∓

20.♔h1 ♘f6

20...cxd5 21.♕xd5 ♘f6 22.♕c4 ♕b6∓

21.d6 ♕d7

⌓21...♕b6 22.♗c4 ♘e4 23.♖f1 ♖ad8∓ (23...♘f2+? 24.♖xf2 ♗xf2 25.♕c2↑)

22.♗c4 ♘e4 23.♕c2! ♘f2+ 24.♔g1 ♘g4+ 25.♔h1 ♘f2+=

25...♗h6 26.♖f1 ♘e3 27.♕c3 ♘xc4 (27...♘xf1 28.♖xf1 ♖e3 29.♕xe3! ♗xe3 30.♘e5 ♕xd6 31.♘xf7 ♕d5 32.♘e5=) 28.♕xc4 ♕xd6 29.♖ad1⯹

26.♔g1 ♘g4+ 27.♔h1 ♘f2+ 28.♔g1 ♘g4+ 1/2-1/2

59. B50
Bilguun, Sumiya (2444) - Firouzja, Alireza (2463)
Baku (ol) 130/59, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.c3 ♘f6 4.♗e2 g6 5.O-O ♗g7 6.♗b5+ ♘bd7 7.♖e1 O-O 8.d4 a6 9.♗f1 b5

9...♕c7 - 129/57

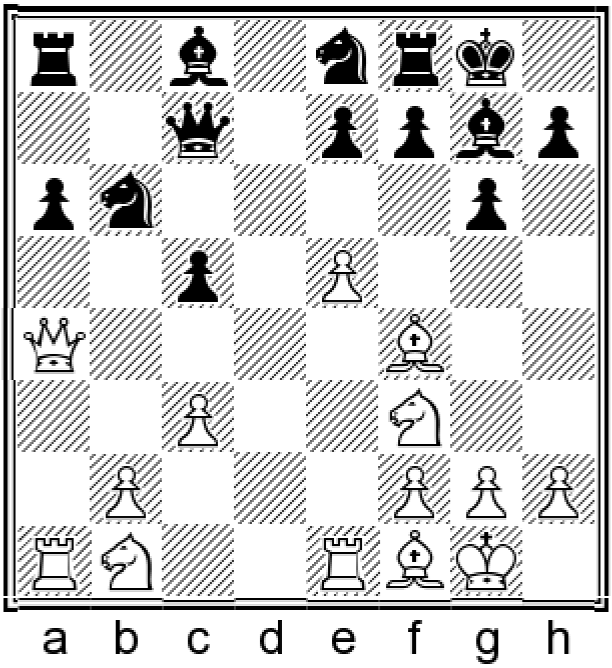
10.e5 dxe5 11.dxe5 ♘e8N

11...♘g4

12.a4 bxa4?!

12...♖b8 13.axb5 axb5 14.♖a7±12...b4! 13.♘bd2 ♘c7 14.♘c4 ♗b7⇄

13.♕xa4 ♕c7 14.♗f4 ♘b6



15.♕c2?!±

15.♕a5!±

15...♗f5 16.♗d3 ♗xd3 17.♕xd3 ♕c6! 18.♘bd2

18.♖xa6?? c4-+18.e6 f5 (18...fxe6 19.♗g3±) 19.♖xa6 (19.♘bd2±) 19...c4?? 20.♕d7!+-

18...♘c7 19.♕e2?!

19.♗e3!± a5 20.♕e4 ♕xe4 21.♘xe4 ♘c4 22.♗xc5

19...a5!= 20.h4 a4 21.h5 ♘e6 22.♗e3 ♘d5 23.hxg6 hxg6 24.♕c4?!

24.♘c4=

24...♖fb8 25.♖a2 ♖d8?!

25...a3! 26.♖xa3 (26.b3 ♘xe3 27.♖xe3=) 26...♘xe3! (26...♖xb2?! 27.♖xa8+ ♕xa8 28.♗xc5±) 27.♖xe3 ♗h6 28.♖e1 ♗xd2 29.♘xd2 ♖xb2 30.♖xa8+ ♕xa8 31.♘e4 ♕b8∓

26.♕h4

26.♕e4!±

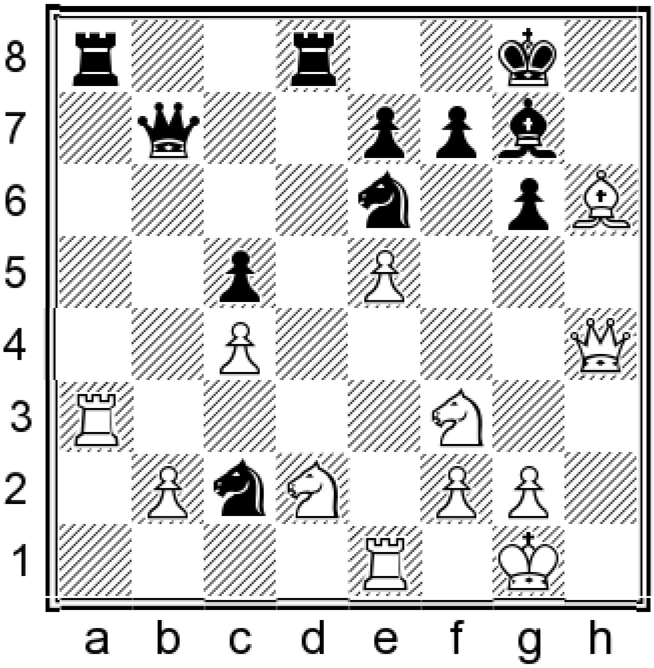
26...♕b7

26...♘xe3 27.♖xe3 ♖d7=

27.♗h6?!

27.♘g5! ♘xg5 28.♗xg5 a3! 29.bxa3 ♘xc3 30.♖c2 ♖a4 (30...♖xa3 31.♗xe7 ♖d4 32.♕g5 ♔h7 (32...♕b4∞) 33.♗xc5 (33.♘f3 ♖e4∞) 33...♗h6 34.♕f6 ♘e2+ 35.♖xe2 ♖a1+ 36.♘f1 (36.♔h2?? ♗f4+-+) 36...♖xf1+ 37.♔xf1 ♖d1+ 38.♖e1 ♖xe1+ 39.♔xe1 ♕b1+ 40.♔e2 ♕xc2+ 41.♔f3 ♕xc5 42.♕xf7+ ♗g7 43.e6=) 31.♕g3 ♘b5!∞

27...a3!⇄ 28.c4 ♘b4 29.♖xa3 ♘c2



30.♖b3?

30.♖xa8 ♕xa8 31.♗xg7 ♔xg7 32.♖b1 ♕b7=

30...♕d7∓ 31.♖e4 ♘cd4 32.♘xd4 ♘xd4 33.♗xg7 ♔xg7 34.♖xd4?

34.♖h3 ♖h8 35.♕g4 ♕a4!∓

34...♕xd4-+ 35.♕xd4

35.♕xe7 ♖a1+ (35...♕xd2?? 36.♕f6+ ♔g8 37.♖h3+-) 36.♔h2 (36.♘f1 ♖xf1+-+) 36...♕f4+-+

35...♖xd4 36.♘f3 ♖xc4 37.♖b7 ♔f8 38.g3 ♖b4 39.♖c7 ♖xb2 40.e6 ♖a1+ 41.♔g2 ♖aa2 42.♘e5 ♖xf2+ 43.♔h3 ♖ae2 44.♖xc5 ♖f5 45.♘d7+ ♔g7 46.exf7 ♔xf7 47.♖c4 ♖e3 48.♔g4 ♔e6 49.♘b6 ♖ff3 50.♔g5 ♖xg3+ 51.♔h6 ♔f5 52.♘d5 ♖h3+ 53.♔g7 ♖e5 54.♖d4 g5 55.♔f7 ♖h7+ 56.♔g8 ♖h4 57.♖d1 ♔g6 58.♘b6 g4 59.♘d7 ♖g5 60.♔f8 g3 61.♔xe7 g2 62.♖d6+ ♔g7 0-1

60.* B51
Hansen, Eric (2582) - Volokitin, Andrei (2647)
Baku (ol) 130/60, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♘d7 4.c3 ♘f6 5.♕e2 a6 6.♗a4 b5 7.♗c2 ♗b7 8.O-O g6!?

8...e6 - 125/50

9.d4 ♗g7 10.♖d1

10.♖e1 e5 11.a4N (11.d5) 11...O-O 12.dxe5 ♘xe5 13.♘xe5 dxe5 14.axb5 axb5 15.♖xa8 ♕xa8 16.♘a3 b4 17.♘c4 ♖d8 18.♗g5 h6 19.♗xf6 ♗xf6 20.♗b3 bxc3 21.bxc3 ♕a6= Svetushkin, D (2543)-Nepomniachtchi,I (2740) Baku (ol) 130/(60) 2016

10...O-O

10...cxd4 11.cxd4 O-O 12.♘c3 ♖c8 13.a3 ♘b6 14.♗d3 ♖e8 15.a4 b4 16.♘b1 a5 17.♘bd2 e6 18.♘b3 ♖a8 19.♗g5↑

11.♘bd2

11.e5!? ♘e8 (11...dxe5?! 12.dxe5 ♘d5 13.e6±) (11...♗xf3?! 12.♕xf3 dxe5 13.dxc5 ♕c7 14.b4 e4 15.♕e2±) 12.e6 (12.♘bd2!? cxd4 (12...♘c7 13.dxc5 ♘xc5 14.♘e4 ♕e8 15.♘xc5 dxc5 16.♗e4 ♗xe4 17.♕xe4 ♘e6 18.♗e3 ♕c8 19.h4±) 13.e6! (13.cxd4 dxe5 14.dxe5 ♕c7 15.♗e4 ♗xe4 16.♕xe4 ♖d8 17.e6 f5 18.♕e2 ♘c5∓) 13...fxe6 (13...dxc3 14.exd7 cxb2 15.♗xb2 ♗xb2 16.♖ab1 ♗g7 17.dxe8=Q ♖xe8 18.a4±) (13...♘e5 14.exf7+ ♘xf7 15.♘xd4 ♘c7 16.♘e4±) 14.♕xe6+ ♔h8 15.♕h3 dxc3 16.♘g5 ♘df6∞) 12...♗xf3 13.♕xf3 (13.exf7+ ♖xf7 14.gxf3 d5∓) 13...fxe6 14.♕h3 ♘c7 15.♘d2 cxd4 16.cxd4 ♗xd4 17.♘e4 ♗f6 18.♗b3 d5 19.♗h6 ♖f7 20.♖ac1=∞

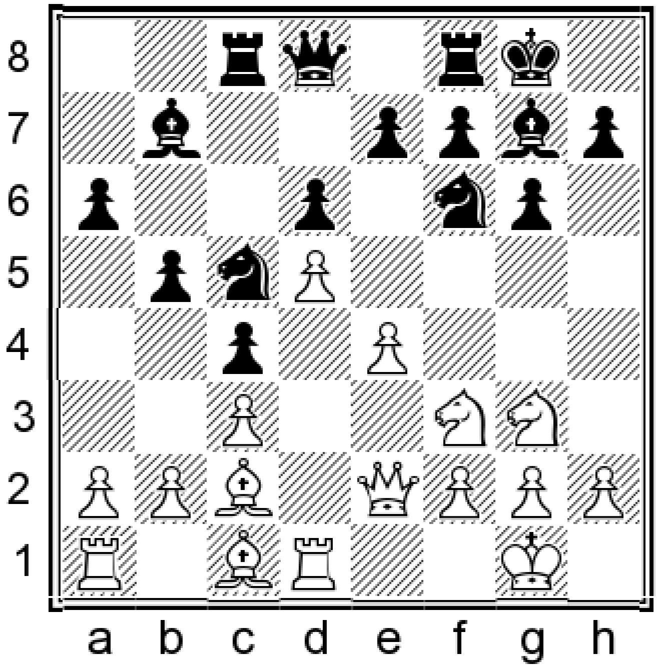
11...♖c8N

11...♕c7

12.d5

12.♗d3 c4 (12...e5) 13.♗c2 e5 (13...e6) 14.d5 (14.♘f1 exd4 15.cxd4 ♘xe4 16.♗xe4 ♖e8 17.d5 f5-+) 14...♘h5 15.♘f1 ♘f4↑12.♘f1 cxd4 13.cxd4 ♖xc2 14.♕xc2 ♗xe4 15.♕e2 ♗b7=∞

12...c4 13.♘f1 ♘c5 14.♘g3



14...e6!∓

14...♕c7 15.♗f4 ♖cd8 16.b4 cxb3 17.axb3±14...e5 15.b4 ♘cd7 16.a4±

15.dxe6 ♘xe6

15...fxe6 16.♗f4 (16.e5?! ♗xf3 17.gxf3 ♘d5 18.exd6 ♕xd6∓) 16...♘e8 17.♗e3=

16.a4

16.e5 ♘d5 17.exd6 ♖e8∓

16...♖e8 17.axb5 axb5 18.♘g5

18.♘d4? ♘xd4 19.cxd4 ♘xe4-+ (19...♗xe4-+)18.♖a7 ♘c5 19.♗e3 (19.e5 ♕b6) 19...♘fxe4 20.♘xe4 ♗xe4 21.♗xe4 ♘xe4 22.♘d4∓18.e5 ♘g4 19.♖xd6 ♕c7!→

18...♖a8?!

18...♘c5 19.♗f4 ♘d5 20.♗d2 h6 21.♘f3 ♘f6∓

19.♖xa8 ♗xa8 20.f3 d5!?

20...♘xg5 21.♗xg5 d5 22.e5 h6 23.♗c1∞

21.e5 ♘xg5

21...♘d7 22.♘xe6 ♖xe6 23.f4 f6 24.f5 ♖xe5 25.♕f2 g5 26.♗e3∞

22.♗xg5 ♕c7 23.f4 ♘d7

23...b4!? 24.♕f2? ♘g4 25.♕d4 ♗f8-+

24.♕f2 ♘c5 25.♘e2 ♖b8 26.♘d4 b4 27.♕h4

27.h4

27...bxc3 28.bxc3 ♘e6

28...♕a5 29.♗e7 ♘b3 30.♗d6 ♘xd4 31.cxd4±

29.♗f6

29.♗h6 ♘xd4 30.cxd4 ♕d8=

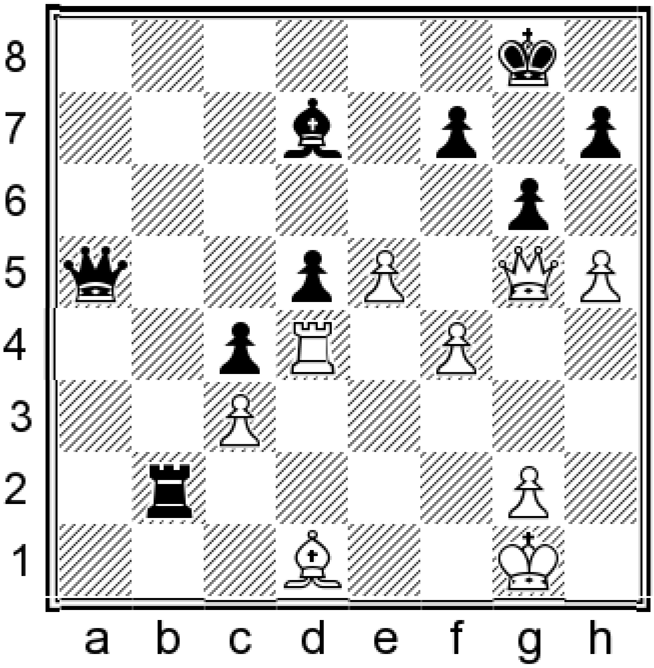
29...♗xf6 30.♕xf6 ♘xd4

30...♕d8?! 31.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 (31...♘xd8 32.♔f2 ♘c6 33.♔e3±) 32.♘xe6 fxe6 33.♖a1±

31.♖xd4 ♖b6 32.♕g5 ♖b2 33.♗d1 ♗c6

33...♕a5? 34.f5 ♕xc3 35.♕d8+ ♔g7 36.f6+ ♔h6 37.♖h4+ ♔g5 38.♖g4+ ♔f5 39.♕d7+ ♔xe5 40.♕e7+ ♔f5 41.h4 h6 42.♕d7+ ♔e5 43.♔h2+-33...♕b6 34.f5 ♖b1 35.♔f1±

34.h4!± ♕a5 35.h5 ♗d7



35...♕xc3?? 36.♕d8+ ♔g7 37.h6+ ♔xh6 38.♕f8#

36.♖xd5?

36.h6 ♗e6 37.g4+-36.♕e7 ♖b8 (36...♕c7 37.e6 fxe6 38.h6+-) 37.♕xd7 ♕xc3 38.♖xd5 ♕e3+ 39.♔h1 ♕xf4 40.♕g4+-

36...h6!=

36...♕xd5?? 37.♕d8+ ♔g7 38.h6+ ♔xh6 39.♕f8#

37.♖xa5 hxg5 38.♗f3?

38.♖d5 ♗e6 (38...♗c6 39.♖d6±) 39.♖d8+ ♔g7 40.fxg5 gxh5 41.♗xh5 ♖c2 42.♖d6 ♖xc3 43.♔f2=38.♖a1 gxf4 39.hxg6 fxg6 40.♗f3=

38...g4 39.♗d5 g3 40.♔f1 ♗g4

40...gxh5 41.♖a8+ ♔g7 42.♖a7 ♗g4 43.♖xf7+ ♔g6 44.♖f6+=

41.♗f3 ♖f2+ 42.♔g1 ♖c2 43.♖a8+ ♔g7 44.♖a1 gxh5-+ 45.♗xg4 hxg4 46.f5 ♖e2 47.e6 fxe6 48.fxe6 ♔f6 49.♔f1 ♖f2+ 50.♔g1 ♔xe6 51.♖e1+ ♔f5 52.♖f1 ♔e4 0-1

61.*** B51
Al Modiahki, Mohamad (2550) - Saric, Ivan (2668)
Baku (ol) 130/61, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.♗b5+ ♘d7 4.d4 cxd4 5.♕xd4 a6 6.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 7.c4 ♘f6

7...e5 - 125/54

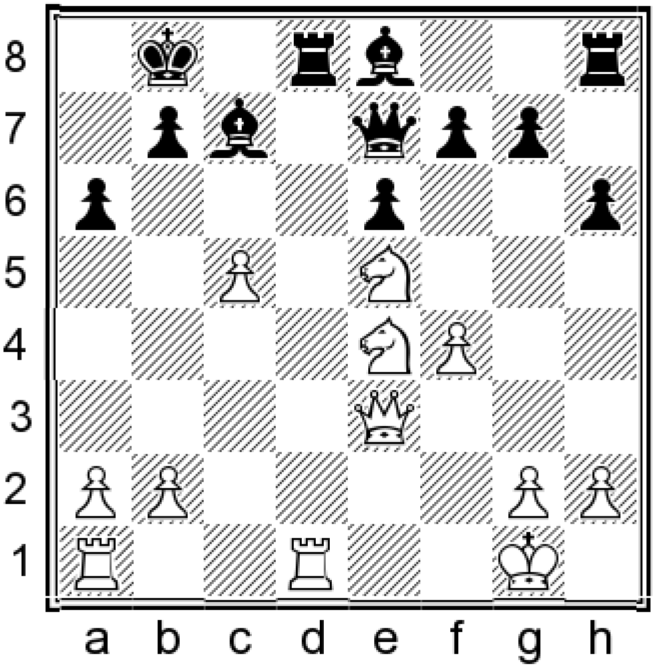
8.♗g5 e6 9.O-O

9.♘c3 ♗c6 (9...♗e7 10.e5 dxe5 11.♘xe5 ♕c7 12.O-ON (12.♘g4) 12...♗c6 13.♖fe1 h6 14.♗h4 ♖d8 15.♕e3 ♘g4! 16.♘xg4 ♗xh4 17.♘d5?! (17.♖ad1 O-O 18.♘e5 ♗g5∓) 17...♗xd5 18.cxd5 ♖xd5 19.♖ac1 ♕d8 20.♕a7 ♗g5 21.♖b1 ♕c7∓ Gharamian,T (2637)-Gozzoli,Y (2573) France (ch) 130/(61) 2016) (9...h6 10.♗h4 ♗e7 11.O-O O-O 12.♖ad1 ♗c6 13.e5N (13.♖fe1) 13...dxe5 14.♘xe5 ♕a5 15.♘xc6 bxc6 16.♘e4 ♖fd8 17.♕c3 ♕xc3 18.♘xc3 ♔f8 19.f3 ♘d7 20.♗xe7+ ♔xe7 21.♔f2 ♘c5 22.♔e3 a5= Kovalev,V (2560)-Swiercz,D (2665) Moscow 130/(61) 2016) 10.O-O ♗e7 11.♖ad1 O-O 12.e5 dxe5 13.♘xe5N (13.♕xd8) 13...♕xd4 14.♖xd4 ♖fc8 15.♖fd1 h6 16.♗h4 ♗e8 17.♘e4 g5 18.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 19.♗g3 b5 20.b3 ♗g7∓ Kovalev,V (2562)-Saric,I (2650) Djakovica 130/(61) 2016

9...h6 10.♗xf6N

10.♗h410.♗d2

10...♕xf6 11.e5 dxe5 12.♘xe5 O-O-O 13.♘c3 ♗e8 14.♕e3 ♗d6 15.f4 ♕e7 16.♘e4 ♗c7 17.c5 ♔b8 18.♖fd1



18...g5!?

18...f6! 19.♘c4 (19.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 20.♘c4 (20.♘f3 ♕d5 21.b4 ♗c6 22.♘c3 ♕c4∓) 20...♕d5 21.♘cd6 ♗c6∓) 19...♗b5 20.♘ed6 ♗xc4 21.♘xc4 g5∓

19.♘d6?!

19.♕c3 ♖f8 (19...gxf4 20.♘g6 fxg6 21.♕xh8 ♗c6 22.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 23.♕xd8+ ♗xd8 24.♖e1±) 20.fxg5 hxg5 21.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 (21...♗xd8 22.♖d1 f6 23.♕d4 ♗c7 24.♘d7+ ♗xd7 25.♕xd7 ♕xd7 26.♖xd7 g4=) 22.♘f6! ♔a8 23.♘xe8 ♕xe8=

19...f6 20.♘ec4

20.♘xe8 ♖hxe8 21.♘d3 ♖d5∓

20...gxf4

20...♗b5!? 21.♘xb5 (21.♕e4 ♗c6 22.♕d4 gxf4 23.♕xf4 ♖hg8∓) 21...axb5 22.♘d6 ♗xd6 23.cxd6 ♖xd6 24.♖xd6 ♕xd6∓

21.♕xf4 ♗c6 22.♖d2 ♖hg8

22...♖dg8!?

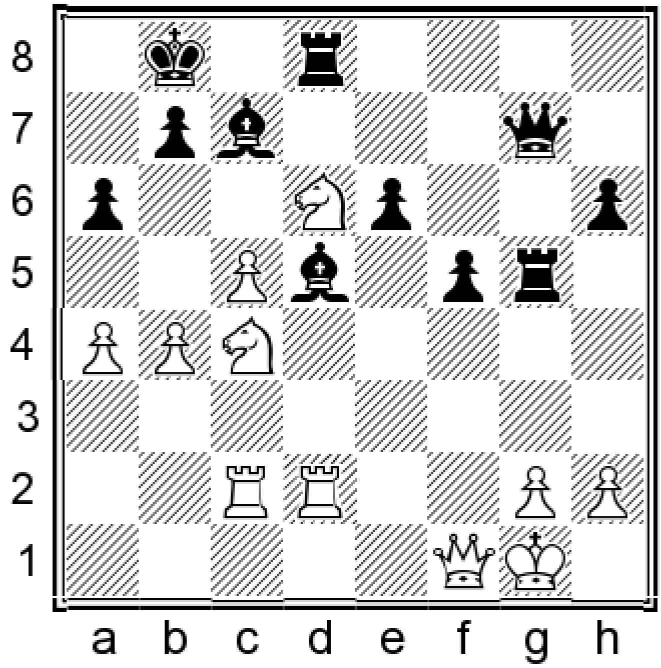
23.b4 ♖g5 24.a4

24.g3 h5↑

24...♕g7∓ 25.♕f1

25.♘e3 ♖g8 26.♖aa2 ♕g6∓

25...f5 26.♖aa2 ♗d5 27.♖ac2



27...f4!-+ 28.♕xf4 ♖f8 29.♕xf8+

29.♕e3 ♕a1+-+

29...♕xf8 30.♖f2 ♕g7 31.♘b6 ♗xd6 32.cxd6 ♕a1+ 0-1

62.* B55
Carlsen, Magnus (2853) - Karjakin, Sergey (2772)
New York (m/4-rapid) 130/62, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.f3 e5 6.♘b3 ♗e7 7.c4 a5 8.♗e3 a4 9.♘c1

9.♘3d2 - 93/(155)

9...O-O 10.♘c3 ♕a5 11.♕d2 ♘a6?!

11...a3? 12.b4! ♕xb4 13.♖b1+-11...♘c6 - 130/(62) 12.♖b1N (12.♗e2) 12...♗e6 13.b4! axb3 14.♘xb3 ♕d8 (14...♕a3 15.♗e2 ♖fc8 16.O-O ♘d7 17.♖b2±) 15.♗e2 h6 16.O-O± Kokarev,D (2636)-Oparin,G (2617) Russia (ch) 130/(62) 2016

12.♗e2N

12.♘d5

12...♘c5 13.O-O ♗d7 14.♖b1

14.♖d1

14...♖fc8 15.b4 axb3 16.axb3

16.♘xb3!? ♘xb3 17.axb3

16...♕d8 17.♘d3 ♘e6 18.♘b4 ♗c6 19.♖fd1

19.♘bd5

19...h5 (Δ h4, ♘h5) **20.♗f1**

20.♘bd5 ♗xd5 21.exd5 (21.♘xd5?! ♘xd5 22.♕xd5?! ♗g5∓)

20...h4

20...♘d4 21.♗xd4 exd4 22.♕xd4 ♘d7 23.♕e3±

21.♕f2 ♘d7

21...♘h5 22.♘cd5±

22.g3

22.♘bd5 ♗g5 23.♗b6!?

22...♖a3

22...♘d4 23.♗h3±22...♗g5 23.♘c2 ♗xe3 24.♕xe3⩲

23.♗h3

23.♘c2!?

23...♖ca8 24.♘c2 ♖3a6 25.♘b4 ♖a5 26.♘c2 b6 27.♖d2

27.♘b4 ♗b7 28.♘b5⩲

27...♕c7 28.♖bd1 ♗f8 29.gxh4

29.♗f5

29...♘f4 30.♗xf4 exf4 31.♗xd7 ♕xd7

31...♗xd7 32.♘d5±

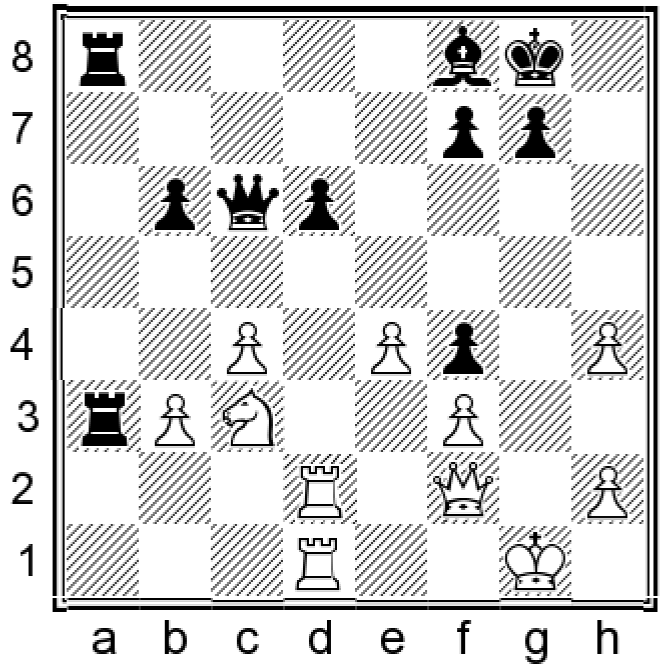
32.♘b4

32.♕xb6+-

32...♖a3

32...d5 33.♘xc6 ♕xc6 34.exd5 ♕g6+ 35.♕g2 ♗c5+ 36.♔h1+-

33.♘xc6 ♕xc6



34.♘b5 ♖xb3

34...♖a1 35.♔h1±34...d5 35.exd5 ♕f6 36.♘xa3 ♗c5 37.♖d4 ♖xa3 38.b4± ♗xd4 39.♕xd4 ♕xh4 40.♖a1 ♖xa1+ 41.♕xa1±

35.♘d4 ♕xc4 36.♘xb3 ♕xb3 37.♕e2

37.♔g2 ♗e7 38.♖d3±

37...♗e7 38.♔g2

38.h5±

38...♕e6 39.h5 ♖a3 40.♖d3

40.♖d5±

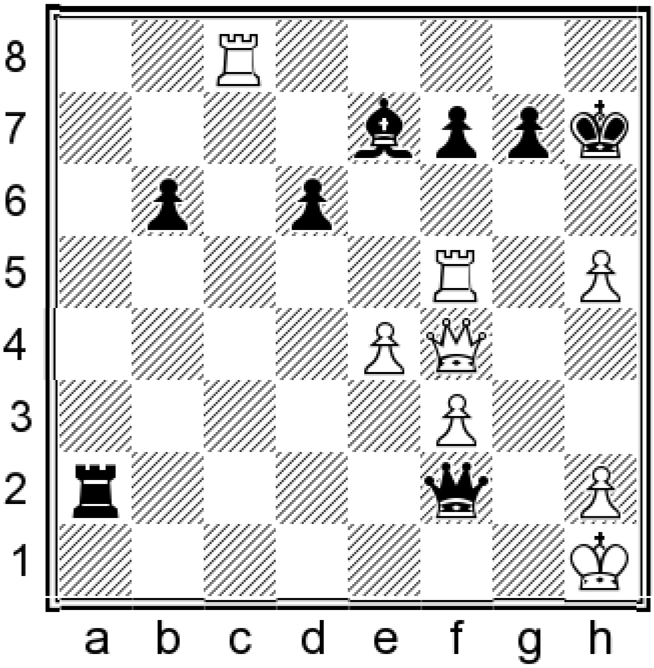
40...♖a2

40...♕c4 41.♖1d2 ♖a5 42.♖d5±

41.♖3d2 ♖a3 42.♖d3 ♖a7 43.♖d5 ♖c7 44.♕d2 ♕f6 45.♖f5 ♕h4 46.♖c1

46.♕xf4 ♖c2+ 47.♔h1+-46.♕f2+-

46...♖a7 47.♕xf4! ♖a2+ 48.♔h1 ♕f2 49.♖c8+ ♔h7



49...♗f8 50.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 51.♖xf7+ ♔e8 52.♖f8+ ♔d7 53.♕f7+ ♔c6 54.♖c8+ ♔b5 55.♕c4+ ♔a5 56.♖a8#

50.♕h6+! 1-0

63. B56
Kulaots, Kaido (2568) - Nevednichy, Vladislav (2551)
Iasi 130/63, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♗d7!? 6.♗e3 ♘g4 7.♗g5 h6 8.♗h4 g5 9.♗g3 ♗g7

9...♘c6 10.♘xc6 bxc6 11.h3 ♘e5 12.♗xe5 dxe5 13.♗c4± Δ ♕f3, 0-0-0

10.h3

10.♕d2 - 71/20510.♗b5 ♘c6 11.♘f5 ♗xc3+! (11...♗xf5 12.exf5 ♗xc3+ 13.bxc3 ♘f6 14.O-O±) 12.bxc3 ♕a5 13.O-O ♕xb5 14.♖b1 ♕c5 15.♕xg4 O-O-O∓10.♗e2 h5 11.♗xg4 hxg4 12.O-O (12.♘d5 e6) 12...♘c6 13.♘f5 ♗xc3! (13...♗xf5 14.exf5 ♗xc3 15.bxc3 ♘e5 16.♗xe5 dxe5 17.♕xg4±) 14.bxc3 ♕a5 15.♕xg4 f6 16.♕e2 ♕xc3 17.♖ad1 (17.♖ab1 b6 (17...O-O-O? 18.♕b5 b6 19.♕a6+ ♔c7 20.♘xe7+-) 18.♖fd1 ♘e5 19.♖b3 ♕c4⇄) 17...♘e5 18.♖d5 ♗xf5 19.exf5 ♖c8⇄10.♘f5!? ♗xc3+!? (10...♗xf5 11.exf5 ♗xc3+ 12.bxc3 ♕a5 13.♖b1 ♘f6 14.♗b5+ ♘c6 15.O-O O-O 16.♖e1 ♖ae8 17.h4 ♕xc3 18.hxg5 hxg5 19.♕c1 ♘h7 20.♖b3!? ♕c5 21.♗d3 b6 22.♕b2 ♕d4 (22...♘d4?! 23.♖b4 ♘c6 24.♖g4±) 23.♕xd4 ♘xd4 24.♖c3±) 11.bxc3 ♕a5 12.♕d4 ♘e5∞

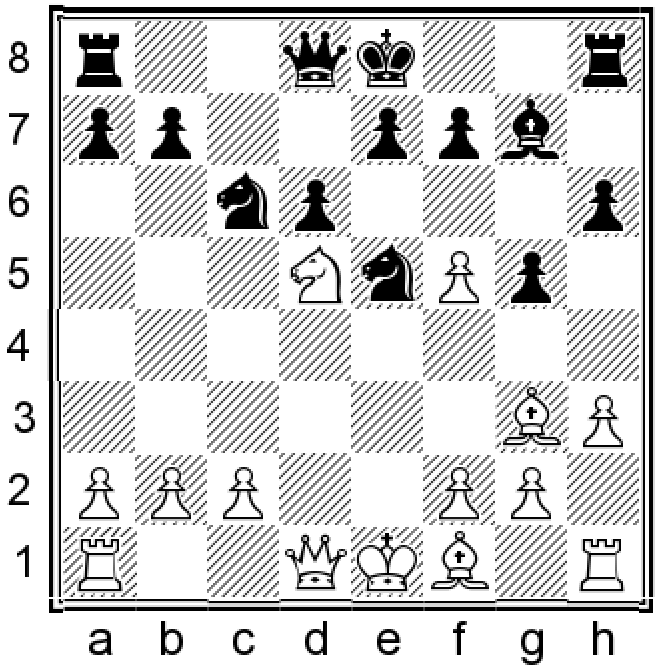
10...♘e5

10...♘f6 11.♘f5 (11.♗e2 ♘c6 12.♘b3 ♖c8⇄) 11...♗xf5 12.exf5 ♘c6 13.♗d3 ♕b6 14.♖b1 (14.♕c1 h5!⇄) 14...♘b4!? (14...O-O-O 15.O-O h5 16.♖e1 ♔b8 17.♕e2±) 15.♗b5+ ♔f8 16.♗e2 (16.O-O ♘xa2⇄) 16...♕c5 17.O-O h5∞ 18.♗f3 g4 19.hxg4 hxg4 20.♗xg4 ♘xc2

11.♘f5N

11.♕d2 ♘bc6 12.O-O-O (12.♘f5 ♗xf5 13.exf5 ♘d4⇄) 12...♘xd4 13.♕xd4 O-O 14.♘d5 ♘g6 15.♕b4 b5⇄11.♘d5 O-O 12.♘f5 ♗xf5 13.exf5 e6 14.f6 ♗xf6 15.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 16.h4 (16.♕xd6 ♘bc6↑) 16...g4 17.♗e2 ♘bc6 18.♗xg4 ♘c4∞11.♗e2 ♘bc6 12.♘b3 a5!? 13.a4 ♘g6 14.O-O ♘f4⇄

11...♗xf5 12.exf5 ♘bc6 13.♘d5



13...♕d7

13...O-O 14.h4 e6 15.♘e3 g4 (15...♕a5+ 16.♕d2 ♕xd2+ 17.♔xd2 g4 18.h5±) 16.fxe6 fxe6 17.h5 ♕b6 18.♗e2 ♕xb2 19.O-O±13...e6!? 14.♘e3 (14.fxe6 fxe6 15.♘e3 O-O 16.♗e2 d5 17.O-O ♘g6 18.c3 ♘f4 19.♖e1 ♕e8∞) 14...♕a5+ 15.c3 (15.♕d2 ♕xd2+ 16.♔xd2 h5⇄) 15...♘f3+! 16.♕xf3 ♗xc3+ 17.♔d1 ♕a4+ 18.♘c2 ♗xb2 19.fxe6 (19.♖c1 ♗xc1 20.♔xc1 ♕xc2+ 21.♔xc2 ♘d4+ 22.♔b2 ♘xf3 23.gxf3 e5 24.f6 ♔d7 25.♗c4 ♖ac8∞) 19...fxe6 20.♖c1 ♔e7 (20...♗xc1? 21.♕f6! ♗b2 22.♕xb2 O-O-O 23.♗b5 ♕a5 24.♔e2±) 21.♗d3 ♗xc1 22.♔xc1 ♖ac8 (22...♖hf8 23.♕h5) 23.♖d1 ♘d4 24.♕xb7+ ♔f6 25.♕b2 e5∞

14.c3

14.♗b5!? O-O-O (14...♖d8 15.f6 ♗xf6 16.♘xf6+ exf6 17.O-O ♕e6 18.f4↑) 15.O-O! (15.♘e3 a6 16.♗a4 d5 17.O-O (17.♕d2? d4 18.♘g4 ♘c4∓) 17...d4 18.♗xc6 ♕xc6 19.♘g4 ♘xg4 20.hxg4 ♗f6=) 15...h5 (15...♕xf5 16.♗xe5 ♕xe5 17.♖e1±) (15...e6 16.f6 ♗f8 17.c4±) (15...♔b8 16.f4 gxf4 17.♖xf4 e6 18.♘b4 ♕c8 19.♗xc6 ♘xc6 20.♖c4±) 16.c3 (16.f4!? gxf4 17.♖xf4 e6 18.♘b4 ♕c7 19.♗f2↑) 16...e6 17.f6 ♗f8 18.♘b4 ♕c7 19.♘xc6 ♘xc6 20.a4±

14...♖b8?!

14...e6 15.fxe6 fxe6 16.♕h5+ ♘f7 17.♘e3 O-O-O 18.♗b5 ♗e5 19.O-O±14...O-O-O 15.♕c2 e6 16.♘e3 ♘e7 (16...h5 17.O-O-O±) 17.fxe6 fxe6 18.O-O-O d5 19.♗e2±

15.♕c2 e6 16.♘e3 ♖c8

16...b5 17.♗e2 b4 18.♖d1 bxc3 19.bxc3 ♘e7 20.fxe6 ♕xe6 21.♕a4+ ♕d7 22.♕a3 ♖d8 23.h4±16...O-O 17.h4 g4 18.♗e2 h5 19.f4±

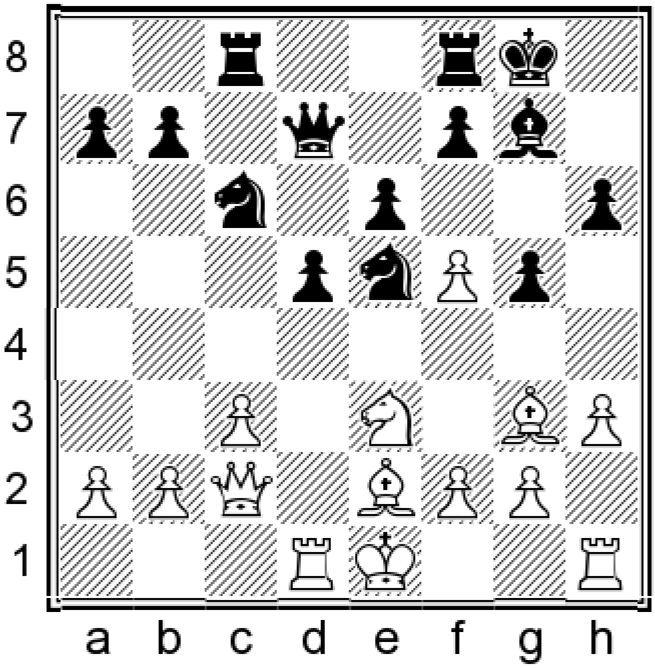
17.♖d1

17.O-O-O±

17...d5

17...h5 18.f4±

18.♗e2 O-O



19.h4!± g4 20.♘xg4 ♘xg4

20...exf5 21.♘e3 ♘e7 22.♕b3±

21.♗xg4 e5

21...♘d4 22.♖xd4 ♗xd4 23.fxe6 ♖fe8 24.O-O±

22.O-O ♖cd8 23.♖fe1 ♖fe8 24.♗f3+- d4 25.♗e4 ♗f6 26.♕e2 ♔h7 27.♕h5 ♖e7 28.b4 a6 29.a4 ♖g8 30.b5 axb5 31.axb5 ♘a5 32.cxd4 ♖xg3 33.dxe5 ♕e8 34.exf6 ♖xe4 35.♖xe4 1-0

64. B61
Ding, Liren (2777) - Bu, Xiangzhi (2719)
China 130/64, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6 6.♗g5 ♗d7 7.♕d2 ♘xd4 8.♕xd4 ♕a5 9.f4 h6 10.♗xf6 gxf6 11.b4 ♕b6N

11...♕c7 12.♘d5! ♕xc2 13.♗d3! ♕xg2 14.♖g1 ♕h3 15.O-O-O! (15.♘c7+ ♔d8 16.♘xa8 e5 17.♕xa7 ♕xd3 18.♕b8+ ♔e7 19.♕xb7 ♕e3+ 20.♔f1 ♕d3+ 21.♔f2 ♕c2+=) 15...♖c8+ 16.♔b1±11...♕d8 - 15/381

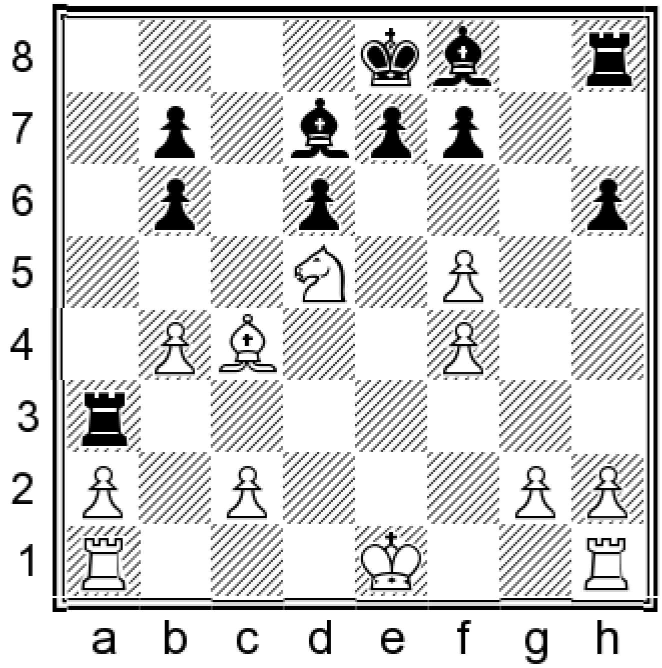
12.♕xb6 axb6 13.♘d5 ♖a3 14.♗c4

14.O-O-O!? ♖xa2 15.♗c4 ♖a4 (15...♖a1+ 16.♔d2 ♖xd1+ 17.♖xd1 e6 (17...b5 18.♖a1 ♗c6 19.♗xb5 ♗xb5 20.♘c7+ ♔d7 21.♘xb5±) 18.♘xb6 (18.♘xf6+ ♔e7 19.♘xd7 ♔xd7 20.♗b5+ ♔e7 21.♖a1 ♗g7 22.♖a7 ♖b8=) 18...♗c6 19.♖e1 ♔d8 20.b5 ♗e8 21.♖a1±) 16.♗b3 ♖a7 17.♘xb6↑

14...f5

⌓14...b5 15.♗b3 h5

15.exf5



15...♗xf5

15...♔d8!? 16.O-O-O b5 17.♔b2 ♖a6 18.♗d3 ♗c6 19.c4 bxc4 20.♗xc4 b5 21.♗e2 ♖g8 22.♖hg1 e6 23.♘c3 ♗g7 24.a4 ♗xc3+ 25.♔xc3 ♖xa4 26.fxe6 ♖a3+! 27.♔b2 ♖e3⯹

16.O-O-O e6 17.♔b2 ♖a7 18.♖he1

18.♘c7+!? ♔d7 19.♘b5 ♖a8 20.♗d3 ♗xd3 21.♖xd3 d5 22.♔b3±

18...♗e7?!

18...♔d7 19.♗b5+ ♔c8 20.♘e3 (20.♘xb6+ ♔c7 21.♘a4 ♗g7+ 22.♔b3 ♖ha8⯹) 20...♗e4 21.♘c4 d5 22.c3! ♗xg2 23.♘e5 ♔c7±

19.♘xb6± ♔d8

19...O-O!?

20.a4 d5 21.c3

21.♔b3!? ♗xc2+ 22.♔xc2 ♗xb4 23.♖e4! ♗d6 (23...♔c7 24.♖xd5 exd5 25.♘xd5+ ♔b8 26.♘xb4+-) 24.♗xd5 exd5 25.♖xd5 ♔c7 26.a5+-

21...♗g4 22.♗e2+- h5 23.h3 ♗f5?!

23...♗xe2 24.♖xe2 ♖a6 25.a5

24.♘xd5 ♗d6 25.♘e3 ♔c7 26.♘xf5 exf5 27.a5 ♗xf4 28.♗f3 ♗d6 29.♖d5 ♖aa8 30.♖xf5 ♖h7 31.♗xh5 f6 32.♖b5 ♖a6 33.♗f3 b6 34.♖e6 ♖e7 35.♖xb6 1-0

65. B66
Zakhartsov, Vladimir (2429) - Krejci, Jan (2504)
Pardubice 130/65, 2016

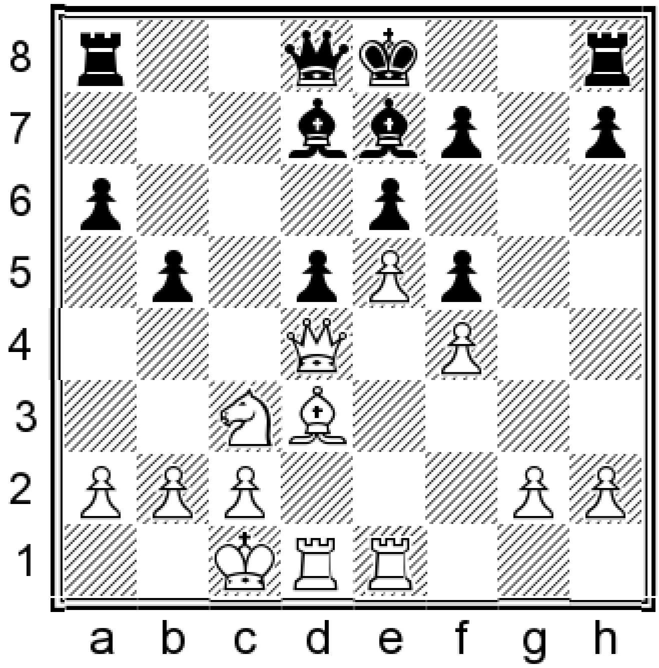
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 a6 8.O-O-O ♗e7 9.♗xf6 gxf6 10.f4 ♘xd4 11.♕xd4 b5 12.e5 d5 13.♗d3

13.f5 - 129/62

13...♗d7

13...♕c7? 14.♘xd5 exd5 15.exf6 ♗d6 16.♖he1+ ♔f8 17.♕xd5 ♗b7 18.♕h5 h6 19.g3±13...♗b7 14.f5 fxe5 15.♕xe5 ♗f6 16.♕e2 ♕d6 17.fxe6 fxe6 18.♖hf1↑

14.♖he1 f5N



14...♖c8

15.♘xd5

15.♗xf5! ♖c8 (15...exf5? 16.e6+-) 16.♘xd5! (16.♗h3 ♗c5 (16...♖c4) 17.♕d3) 16...♖c4 17.♕e3 exd5 18.e6 (18.♖xd5 ♗xf5 19.♖xd8+ ♗xd8 20.c3 b4∞) 18...fxe6 19.♗xe6 ♗xe6 20.♕xe6→

15...♗c6 16.♘f6+ ♗xf6 17.♕c5

17.♕c3 ♕c7 18.exf6 O-O-O 19.♖e5±

17...♕d5 18.♕xd5 ♗xd5 19.exf6 O-O-O 20.a4 bxa4 21.♗xa6+ ♔c7 22.♗b5 ♖a8 23.c4 ♗c6 24.♖e5 ♗xb5 25.♖xb5 ♖hg8 26.g3 ♖g6 27.♔c2 ♖xf6 28.♔c3 a3 29.bxa3 ♖xa3+ 30.♔b4± ♖a2 31.♖c5+ ♔b6 32.♖d6+ ♔b7 33.♖d7+ ♔b8 34.♖cc7

34.♖d8+ ♔b7 35.♖dc8 ♖b2+ 36.♔c3 ♖xh2 37.♖5c7+ ♔a6 38.♔b4 e5 39.♔c5 ♔a5 40.fxe5 ♖a6 41.♖xf7+-

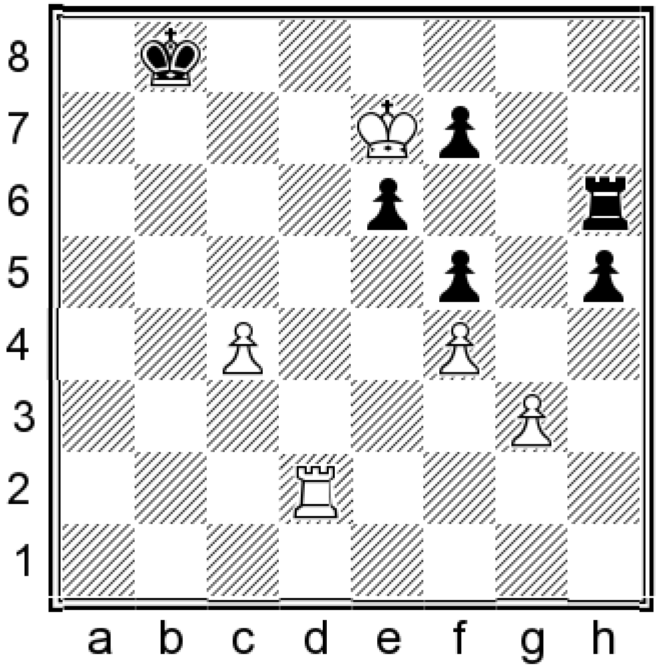
34...♖xh2 35.♔c5 h5 36.♔d6

36.♖b7+ ♔c8 37.♖dc7+ ♔d8 38.♔d6 ♖d2+ 39.♔e5 ♖h6 40.♖xf7 ♖e2+ 41.♔d6 ♖d2+ 42.♔c6 ♔e8 43.♖fe7+ ♔f8 44.♖h7 ♖xh7 45.♖xh7 ♖d3 46.c5+-36.♖c6! ♖b2 37.♖d8+ ♔b7 38.♖e8 h4 39.♖d6 ♔a7 40.♖dd8+-

36...♖d2+ 37.♔e7?

37.♔e5 ♖xd7 38.♖xd7 ♖g6 39.♖xf7 ♖xg3 40.♔xe6 h4 41.♖h7 h3 (41...♖c3 42.♖xh4 ♔c7 43.♔xf5 ♖xc4 44.♖h3 ♔d6 45.♖e3 ♖c8 46.♔g6+-) 42.♔xf5+-

37...♖xd7+ 38.♖xd7 ♖h6 39.♖d2



39...e5?

39...♔c7! 40.♖h2 (40.♔xf7 h4 41.gxh4 ♖xh4 42.♖f2 ♖h6=) 40...♖h7 41.♔f8 f6 42.♔g8 ♖d7 43.♖xh5 ♔d6 44.♔f8 ♖c7 45.♖h6 ♖xc4=

40.♔d7 h4 41.c5+- f6 42.♖b2+ ♔a7 43.c6 hxg3 44.c7 ♖h2 45.c8=Q ♖xb2 46.♕c5+ ♔b7 47.♕c6+ ♔b8 48.♕c7+ ♔a8 49.♔c8 1-0

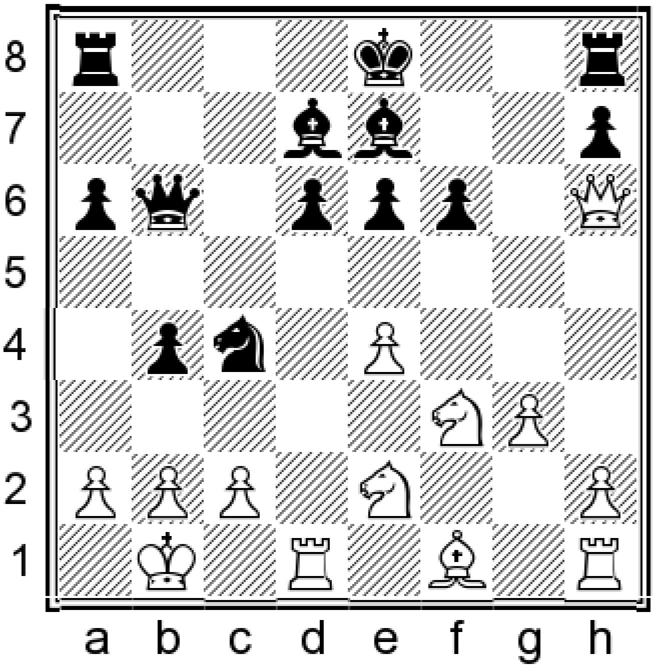
66. B69
Sethuraman, SP. (2640) - Korobov, Anton (2675)
Baku (ol) 130/66, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♗g5 e6 7.♕d2 a6 8.O-O-O ♗d7 9.f4 ♗e7 10.♘f3 b5 11.♗xf6 gxf6 12.♔b1 ♕b6 13.g3 ♘a5 14.f5

14.♖e1?! - 17/436

14...b4 15.fxe6 fxe6 16.♘e2 ♘c4 17.♕d4

17.♕h6!?



17...♘a3+! 18.bxa3 (18.♔c1 ♖c8 19.bxa3 bxa3 - 18.ba3) 18...bxa3+ 19.♔c1 ♖c8 20.♔d2 f5! 21.♘fd4 (21.exf5 ♖f8 22.♔e1 ♖xf5∞) 21...fxe4 22.♕h5+ ♔d8 23.♗h3 ♖c5 24.♕g4 ♕b4+ 25.♔e3 (25.c3 ♖xc3! 26.♘xc3 ♕xd4+ 27.♔c2 ♗a4+ 28.♘xa4 ♕xa4+ 29.♔d2 ♕b4+ 30.♔e3 ♕c3+ 31.♔e2 ♕c4+=) 25...♖f8 26.♕xe4 ♔e8!⯹

17...♕xd4 18.♖xd4

18.♘exd4 ♘e3 19.♖e1 ♘xf1 20.♖hxf1 ♗d8∓

18...♘e5 19.♗g2

19.♘d2 a5↑

19...a5 20.♖e1 ♖c8 21.♖dd1 ♔f7 22.♘f4 ♘g6

22...♖hd8!? 23.♘d4 ♘g6↑22...♖hg8!?

23.♘xg6

23.♖f1!?23.♗h3!?

23...hxg6 24.e5 d5 25.exf6 ♗xf6

25...♗d6!?

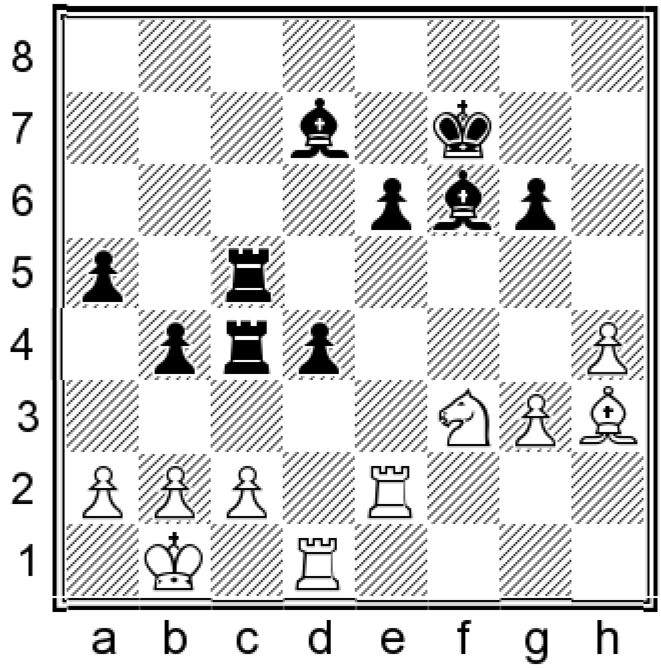
26.h4 ♖h5

⌓26...♔g7

27.♗h3! Δ Bg4 **27...♖c4 28.♖e3= d4?! 29.♖e2**

29.♖ed3 ♖d5=

29...♖hc5?!



29...♖c7 30.♖f2 (30.♘xd4? e5-+) 30...♖d5=

30.♘e1?!

30.♖f2! ♔e7□ 31.♗f1 d3 32.♗xd3 ♖g4±

30...♖e5! 31.♖f2

31.♖xe5 ♗xe5 32.♘d3 ♗d6 (32...♗xg3 33.♖f1+ ♔g7 34.♖g1 ♗d6 35.h5 ♖c8 36.♖xg6+ ♔f7 37.b3=) 33.♘f4 ♗xf4 34.♗f1 ♖c8 35.gxf4=

31...♖f5?!

31...♖e3 32.♘d3 (32.♗f1 ♖c5∓) 32...♔e7 33.♖df1 ♗h8∓

32.♖e2?!

32.♗xf5 gxf5 33.♘d3±

32...♗c6

32...♖e5

33.g4

33.♗xf5 gxf5 34.♖f2 ♗e4=∞33.h5!?

33...♖e5

33...♖f3!?

34.♖f2 ♔e7 35.g5 ♗h8 36.♘d3 ♖e3 37.♗f1

37.♘f4

37...♗e4 38.♘f4 ♖c8 39.♗d3 ♖g8 40.♘g2

40.♗xe4 ♖xe4 41.b3

40...♖f3 41.♖e2 ♗d5

41...♗xd3 42.cxd3 ♔d6↑

42.♗e4 ♗xe4 43.♖xe4 ♔d6⩱ 44.♘e1

44.b3

44...♖f1 45.c3?! bxc3 46.bxc3 ♖b8+ 47.♔c2

47.♔c1 ♖c8-+

47...♖f2+ 48.♔d3

48.♖d2 ♖b2+ 49.♔xb2 ♖xd2+ 50.♔c1 dxc3-+

48...♖xa2-+ 49.♘c2 dxc3 50.♖de1 ♖d8! 51.♖1e2 ♔c5+ 52.♔e3 ♖d6 53.♖h2 ♗g7 54.h5 gxh5 55.♖eh4 ♖d5 56.♖xh5 ♔c4 57.♖h7 ♖xg5 58.♔e4 ♔b3 59.♖xg7 ♖xg7 60.♘d4+ ♔a3 61.♘b5+ ♔b4 0-1

67. !N B80
Romero Barreto, Jaime Jose (2245) - Jianu, Vlad Cristian (2554)
Baku (ol) 130/67, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 e6 6.♗e3 a6 7.♕f3 ♕c7 8.O-O-O

8.g4!? ♘c6 (8...b5 9.g5 ♘fd7 10.a3 ♗b7 11.♕h3 g6 12.O-O-O ♘c5 13.♗g2 ♘c6 14.♘xc6 ♕xc6 15.f4 ♗g7 16.♗d4±) (8...h5 9.g5 ♘g4 10.g6! fxg6 11.O-O-O! (11.♗h3 ♘c6 12.♘xc6 ♘xe3 13.fxe3 bxc6 14.♖g1 ♕f7 15.♕g3 g5 16.♕xg5 ♗e7∞) 11...♕f7 (11...♘xe3 12.♕xe3 ♘c6 13.♖g1±) 12.♕g3↑ Δ♘xe3 13.fxe3!±) (8...h6 9.h4 ♘bd7 10.♕g2 h5 11.g5 ♘g4 12.g6 ♘de5 13.gxf7+ ♕xf7 14.♗d2⩲ Δ f3) 9.g5 ♘d7 (9...♘xd4 10.♗xd4 ♘d7 11.O-O-O b5 12.♗d3 ♗b7 13.♖he1 ♘e5 14.♕e3! h6 (14...b4 15.♘d5!) 15.h4 hxg5 16.hxg5 b4 17.♘a4⩲) 10.O-O-O (10.h4!? b5 11.a3) 10...b5 11.♘xc6 ♕xc6 12.♗d4 (12.a3 ♖b8⇄) 12...♘e5 13.♕e3 b4∞

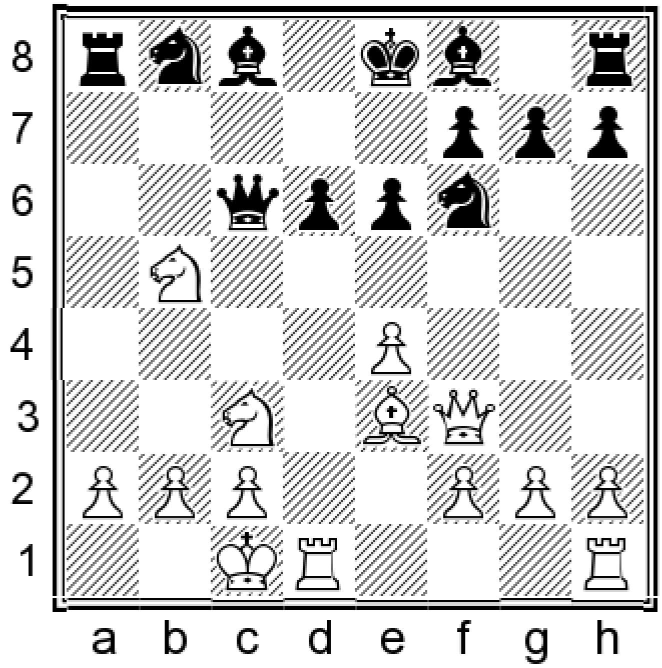
8...b5!?

8...♘c6 9.♕g3 (9.♗e2 - 120/80) 9...♗d7 (9...b5 10.♗xb5!? axb5 11.♘dxb5 ♕b8 12.♘xd6+ ♗xd6 13.♕xd6 ♕xd6 14.♖xd6 ♗b7 15.f3⩲) (9...♘xd4 10.♖xd4 (10.♗xd4 e5 11.♗e3 ♗e6 12.f4 ♖c8 13.♗d3 ♕a5⇄) 10...♗d7 (10...e5 11.♖c4 ♕d8 12.f4 ♗e6 13.♖b4 b5 14.f5⩲) 11.♗e2 b5 12.♖hd1 ♖c8 13.a3⩲ Δ♗e7?! 14.♖xd6!±) 10.♔b1 (10.f4 b5 11.♗d3 g6∞) (10.f3 ♖c8 (10...b5 11.♗xb5!?⩲) 11.♔b1 (11.♗e2 b5⇄) 11...♘xd4 12.♗xd4 e5 13.♗e3 b5 14.♗d3 ♗e7 15.a3 ♕b7⇄) 10...♖c8 (10...b5!? 11.♗xb5 axb5 12.♘dxb5 ♕b8 13.♘xd6+ ♗xd6 14.♕xd6 ♕xd6 15.♖xd6 ♘e5∞) 11.♗d3 ♘xd4 (11...♘b4 12.a3 ♘xd3 13.♖xd3 e5 14.♘f5⩲) 12.♗xd4 e5 13.♗e3 ♗e6 14.f4 ♘h5 15.♕f3 ♘xf4 16.♗xf4 exf4 17.♘d5⩲8...♘bd7 9.♗e2 b5 (9...h5 - 46/285) 10.a3 (10.♕h3?! ♘c5 11.♘b3 b4∓) (10.e5?! ♗b7 11.exd6 ♗xd6 (11...♗xf3? 12.dxc7 ♗xg2 13.♖hg1 ♗b7 14.♘dxb5! axb5 15.♗xb5±) 12.♕h3 ♗e7 (12...♗b4!? 13.♘xe6 fxe6 14.♕xe6+ ♔f8! 15.♗h5 ♘e5! 16.♗d4 ♘xh5 17.♗xe5 ♕f7⩱) 13.♗f3 b4 14.♗xb7 ♕xb7 15.♘ce2 O-O⩱) 10...♗b7 11.♔b1!? (11.g4?! ♘c5 12.♗d3 d5 13.e5 ♘fe4∓) (11.♕h3 e5⩱ 12.♘dxb5? axb5 13.♘xb5 ♕c6 14.f3 ♖a5-+) (11.♗g5 ♖c8 12.♗d3 ♗e7 13.♕g3 ♕d8⩱) 11...♖c8 (11...♘e5 12.♕g3 ♘xe4 13.♘xe4 ♗xe4 14.f3 ♗g6 15.f4=∞) 12.♗d3 d5 13.exd5 ♘xd5 14.♘xd5 ♗xd5 15.♗e4! ♘e5 16.♕f4 g5!? 17.♕f6 ♗xe4 18.♕xh8 b4 (18...♗xc2+? 19.♘xc2 ♕xc2+ 20.♔a1±) 19.axb4 ♗xc2+ 20.♘xc2 ♕xc2+ 21.♔a2 ♕a4+=

9.♗xb5+!?

9.g4?! b4 10.♘b1 d5⩱9.a3 ♗b7 10.g4 d5 11.exd5 ♗xa3!? 12.♗f4 ♗d6 13.♗xd6 ♕xd6 14.♗g2 O-O 15.♕e3 ♕b6∞9.e5 ♗b7 10.♗xb5+ (10.exd6 ♗xd6 11.♕h3 ♗e7⩱) 10...axb5 11.♘dxb5 ♕c8 12.exf6 (12.♕e2?! dxe5 13.♗b6 ♘fd7! 14.♘c7+ ♔e7 15.♘xa8 (15.♕d2 ♘xb6 16.♕d6+ ♔f6 17.♕xb6 g6 18.♖he1 ♘c6 19.♘xa8 ♗xa8∓) 15...♗xg2 16.♗c7 ♗xa8 17.♗d6+ ♔f6! 18.♖hf1 ♗xd6 19.♖xd6 g6 20.f4 ♔g7 21.fxe5 ♘c6∓) 12...♗xf3 13.fxg7 ♖g8 14.gxf8=Q+ ♔xf8 15.gxf3 d5 16.♗h6+ ♔e7 17.♖he1∞

9...axb5 10.♘dxb5 ♕c6?!



10...♕d7? 11.♗f4! ♖a6 12.e5 ♗b7 13.♕e2 ♘d5 14.♘xd5 ♗xd5 15.♖xd5+-10...♕b7 11.e5 ♘fd7! 12.♕xb7 ♗xb7 13.♘c7+ (13.exd6 ♘a6∞) 13...♔d8 14.♘xa8 ♗xa8 15.exd6 ♗xg2 16.♖he1 ♘c6 (16...♗f3?! 17.♖d3) 17.f4 g6! (17...♗f3 18.♖d3 ♘b4 19.♖d2 g6 (19...♘f6 20.♗c5! ♘a6 21.♗d4 ♔d7 22.♘a4 ♗xd6 23.♗e5 ♘e8 24.♖e3±) 20.♖d4 ♘d5 21.♗d2 ♗xd6 22.♖d3 ♗g2 23.♔b1 (23.♖g3? ♘xc3∓) 23...♗xf4 24.♖xd5 ♗xd5 25.♗xf4 ♗c6 26.b4±) 18.♖d2 (18.♘b5 ♗d5) 18...♗h3! 19.♘e4 ♗f5 20.♘g5 ♔e8 21.♘f3 ♗g7 22.♘d4 ♘xd4 23.♗xd4 f6!∞

11.e5!± ♘d5

11...♘fd7 12.♕xc6 ♘xc6 13.♘c7+ ♔d8 14.♘xa8 ♘cxe5 15.♘b6+-11...♕xf3 12.gxf3 ♘fd7 13.♘c7+ ♔d8 14.♘xa8 ♗b7 15.♘b6 ♗xf3 16.exd6 ♗xd6 (16...♗xh1 17.♖xh1 ♗xd6 18.♘b5+-) 17.♖xd6 ♗xh1 18.a4±

12.♖xd5!N

12.exd6 ♘xe3 (12...♘a6 13.♘xd5 exd5 14.♖xd5+-) 13.♘c7+ ♔d8 14.♕xe3 ♖a5 15.b4! ♖f5 (15...♖a3 16.♔b2+-) 16.a4±

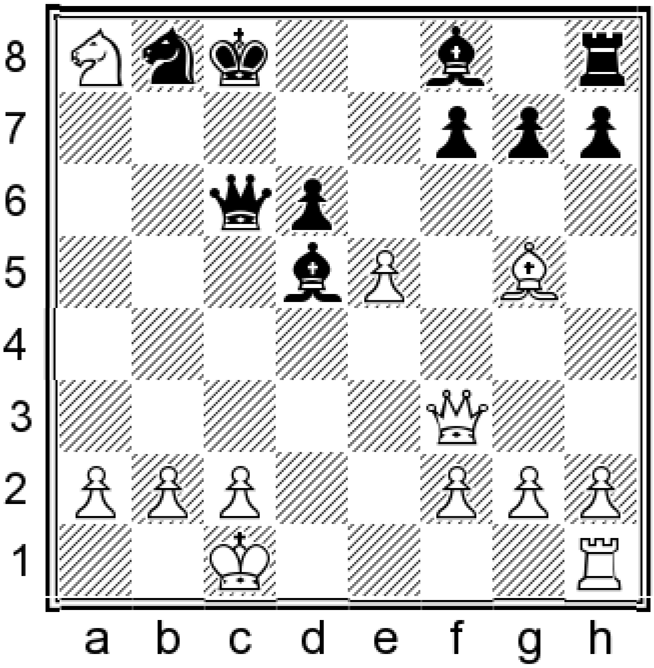
12...exd5 13.♘xd5 ♗e6 14.♘bc7+ ♔d8

14...♔d7 15.♘xe6 fxe6 16.♘b6+ ♔e8 17.♘xa8 d5 18.♘b6+-

15.♗g5+ ♔c8

15...♔d7 16.♘xa8 (16.♘xe6 fxe6 17.♕f7+ ♔c8 18.♕xe6+ ♘d7 19.♖d1 ♔b7 20.♘b4±) 16...♗xd5 17.♘b6+ (17.♕xd5? ♕xd5 18.♘b6+ ♔c6 19.♘xd5 ♔xd5) 17...♕xb6 18.♕xd5 ♔c8 (18...♕c5 19.♕xf7+ ♔c8 20.♖e1+-) 19.♕xf7 dxe5 20.♕e8+ ♔b7 21.♖d1+-

16.♘xa8 ♗xd5



17.♕xd5!

17.♘b6+?! ♕xb6 18.♕xd5 ♕b7

17...♔b7 18.♕xf7+

18.♘b6! ♔xb6 19.♗e3+ ♔c7 20.♕xf7+ ♕d7 21.♕b3 ♕c6 22.♖d1!+-

18...♔xa8 19.♖d1

19.♗e3!? ♕b7 20.♕e8! (20.♕h5 g6) 20...♕d7 (20...g6 21.♕d8+-) 21.♕h5 g6 22.♕f3+ ♕b7 23.♕f6 ♗g7 24.♕xd6+-

19...dxe5

19...♕xg2 20.♕f4 ♕c6 21.e6+-

20.♖d8 ♕xg2 21.♖xb8+?

21.♗e3 ♕f1+ 22.♖d1 ♕a6 23.♔b1 (23.c3 ♗a3!?) 23...♗b4 24.a3 ♗a5 25.b4 ♘c6 26.♖d6±21.♔b1! ♕h1+ 22.♗c1 ♗b4 23.♖xh8 ♗d2 24.a3 ♕xc1+ 25.♔a2 ♕xc2 26.♕g8 ♕c7 27.♕d5++-

21...♔xb8 22.♕e8+ ♔c7 23.♕d8+

23.♗d8+? ♔d6!-+23.♕xe5+ ♗d6 24.♕xg7+ ♔c6 25.♕xh8 ♕f1+ 26.♔d2 ♕xf2+ 27.♔d3 ♕f5+ 28.♔e2 ♕xg5 29.♕c3+=

23...♔b7 24.♕d7+ ♔b8 25.♕d8+ ♔b7 26.♕d7+ ♔b8 27.♕d8+ 1/2-1/2

68. B80
Volokitin, Andrei (2647) - Babula, Vlastimil (2540)
Baku (ol) 130/68, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘c6 5.♘c3 d6 6.♗e3 ♘f6 7.♕d2 ♗e7 8.f3 O-O 9.O-O-O a6 10.g4 ♘d7 11.h4 ♘xd4 12.♗xd4 b5 13.g5 ♕c7 14.♔b1 b4 15.♘a4 ♗b7 16.♕xb4 ♗c6 17.♘c3 ♖fc8N

17...♖fb8 - 89/207, 208

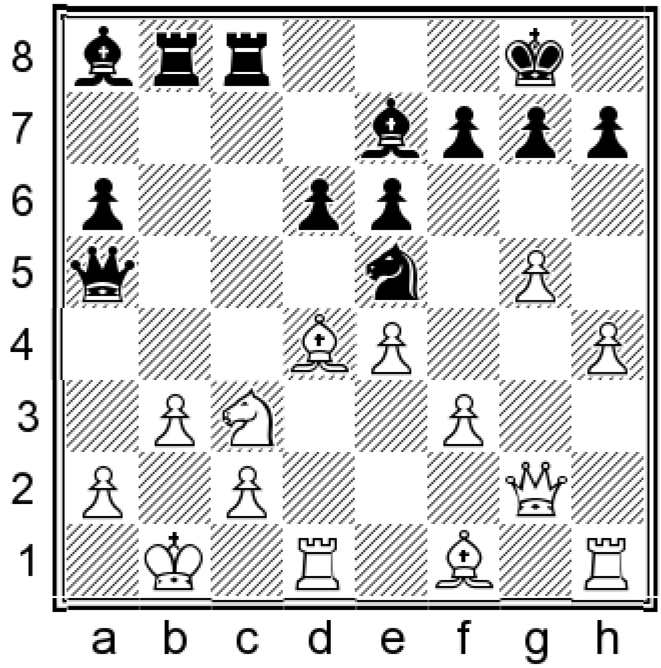
18.♕c4 ♖ab8 19.b3

19.♕e2! ♗a8 (19...♕b7?! 20.b3±) 20.♕e3! ♕a5! 21.♕d2! (Δ Nd5) 21...♗f8⯹ Δ Ne5

19...♘e5! 20.♕e2 ♗a8! Δ Nc6 **21.♕g2??**

21.♗xe5?! dxe5 22.♘a4 ♗c6 23.♘b2 a5⯹21.♖h3 ♘g6! (21...♘c6 22.f4±) 22.♕e3! e5 23.♗a7 ♖b7 24.♗xa6 ♕xc3 25.♕xc3 ♖xc3 26.♗xb7 ♗xb7 27.♔b2±21.♘a4 ♘xf3 22.♗b2 ♘e5 23.♘c3± Δ ♖h3-g3, h5

21...♕a5!



22.♖h3!

22.♘e2?? ♖xc2-+

22...♘g6! 23.h5?

23.♕d2! e5 24.♗a7! ♖b7 25.♗f2! ♕xc3 26.♗xa6 ♖d7! 27.♗xc8 ♕xc8∓

23...♘f4 24.♕d2 ♘xh3??

24...♗xg5! 25.♖g3 h6 26.♔b2 ♘xh5 27.♖xg5 hxg5∓

25.♘d5! ♕xd2 26.♘xe7+ ♔f8 27.♖xd2= ♔xe7

27...♘xg5 28.♘xc8 ♘xf3 29.♗xg7+! ♔xg7 30.♖g2+ ♔f8 31.♗xa6 h6!= Δ Ng5

28.♗xh3 ♖b5 29.♖g2 g6?

29...♔f8! 30.a4 ♖a5 31.♗b6 ♖e5 32.♗d4 ♖a5=

30.h6

30.♗f6+! ♔d7 31.♖h2±

30...♗c6

30...d5! 31.♗f6+ ♔e8 32.♖e2

31.c4! ♖b7 32.♖d2 ♖d7 33.♗f6+ ♔e8 34.♔b2 ♖b8 35.♗c3 ♔e7 36.♗f6+⊕

36.b4± Δ Kb3, a4

36...♔e8 37.♔c3 a5 38.♗f1 ♔f8 39.♗h3 ♔e8 40.♗f1 ♔f8 41.♖d4! Δ f4-f5, a3, b4 **41...♔e8 42.♗h3 ♔f8**

42...♖c8 (Δ d5) 43.♔b2!

43.♗g4 ♔g8 44.f4 ♖e8 45.a3! ♔f8 46.b4 axb4+ 47.axb4 ♖c8 48.♔b3+- ♔e8 49.b5 ♗b7 50.♔b4 ♖dc7 51.♗e2 d5

51...♖d7 52.e5! dxe5 53.♖xd7 ♔xd7 54.♗xe5

52.exd5 exd5 53.cxd5! ♖c1 54.d6 ♖b1+ 55.♔a5 ♖a8+ 56.♔b6 ♗c8 57.♗f3 ♖a6+ 58.♔c7 ♖xb5 59.♖e4+! 1-0

69. B84
Caruana, Fabiano (2813) - Grandelius, Nils (2642)
Douglas 130/69, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e6 7.♗e2 ♗e7 8.f4 ♘c6 9.g4 ♘d7

9...♕a5 - 92/218

10.g5 g6N

10...h610...♕c710...♘xd4

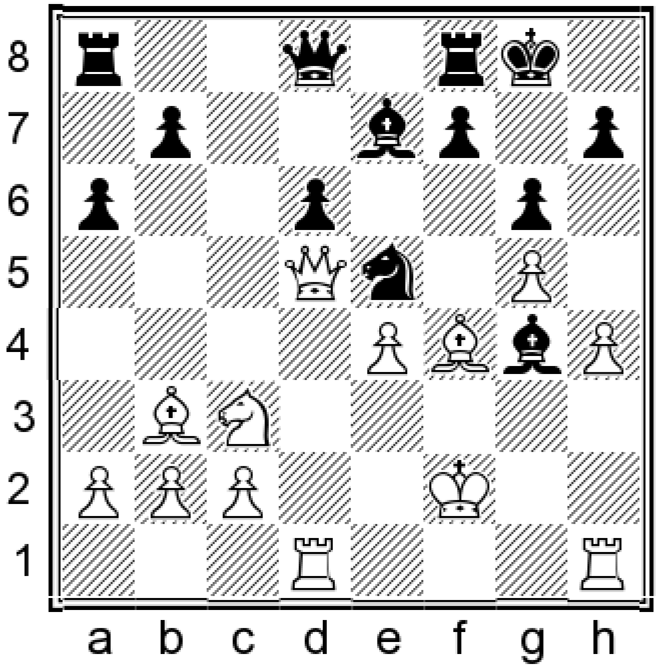
11.♗c4 ♘xd4

11...h6!? 12.♗xe6 hxg5 (12...fxe6? 13.♘xe6 ♕a5 14.a3+-) 13.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 14.f5∞

12.♕xd4 e5 13.♕d5

13.♕d2 exf4 14.♗xf4 ♘e5 15.♗e2±

13...O-O 14.♗b3 exf4 15.♗xf4 ♘e5 16.h4! ♘f3+ 17.♔f2 ♘e5 18.♖ad1± ♗g4!?



18...♕b6+ 19.♕d4 ♕xd4+ 20.♖xd4 ♗e6 21.♘d5±18...♕c7 19.♕d4±

19.♕xb7!

19.♖d2 ♕c7∞

19...♖b8 20.♕xa6 ♖b6 21.♕a5

21.♕a3!?

21...♗xd1 22.♖xd1 ♘c6

22...♕b8 23.♘d5 ♗d8 24.♕d2±

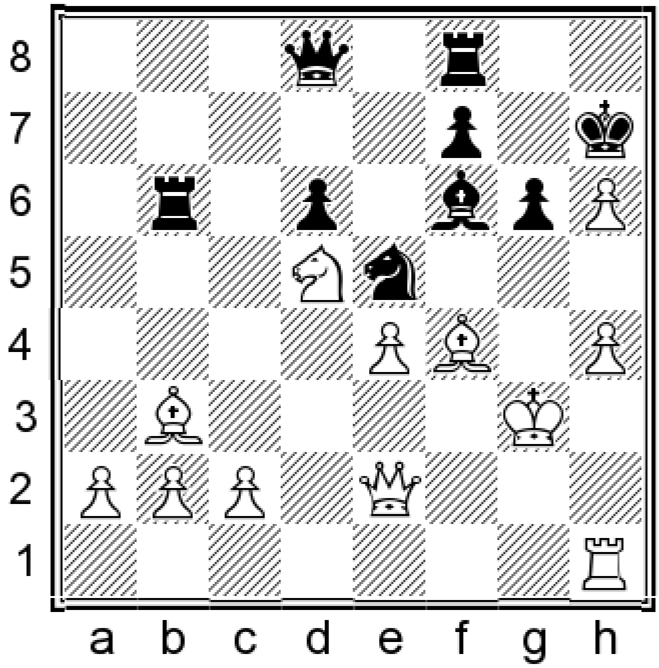
23.♕d5 ♕c8 24.♔g3 h5! 25.gxh6 ♗f6?!

25...♘e5 26.♗xe5 dxe5 27.♕xe5 ♗f6 28.♕f4 ♗xc3 29.bxc3 ♕xc3+ 30.♖d3±

26.♕d2?

26.♗xd6 ♘e7 27.♕d2 (27.♗xe7? ♕c7+ 28.♔h3 ♕xe7±) 27...♔h7 (27...♖d8 28.♕f4 ♖dxd6 29.♖xd6 ♕c5 30.♖xf6 ♕g1+ 31.♔h3 ♕h1+ 32.♔g4 ♕g1+ 33.♕g3 ♕xg3+ 34.♔xg3 ♖xf6 35.♘d5+-) 28.♕f4 ♗xc3 29.bxc3 ♕xc3+ 30.♔h2+-

26...♘e5 27.♕e2 ♕d8 28.♖h1 ♔h7 29.♘d5?!



29.♕d2 ♕c8 30.♕d1±

29...♗xh4+! 30.♖xh4 g5 31.♖g4

31.♘xb6 gxh4+ 32.♔h3 ♕xb6 33.♕h5 ♕g1 34.♕f5+ ♘g6=31.♖h5 gxf4+ 32.♔xf4 ♖g8=

31...gxf4+ 32.♔xf4 ♖b7 33.♖g7+ ♔xh6 34.♖g1 ♕h4+ 35.♔e3 ♕h3+

35...f5!?

36.♔f2 ♕h4+ 37.♔e3 ♕h3+ 38.♔f2 ♕h4+ 39.♔e3 1/2-1/2

70. B84
Adhiban, Baskaran (2671) - Van Wely, Loek (2674)
Espana 130/70, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘c3 e6 3.♘ge2 a6 4.d4 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♕c7 6.♗e2 ♘f6 7.O-O d6 8.a4 b6 9.f4 ♗b7 10.♗f3 ♘c6 11.♔h1 ♗e7 12.e5? dxe5 13.fxe5 ♘xe5 14.♗f4 ♗xf3! 15.♘xf3

15.gxf3 - 8/431

15...♗d6 16.♖e1N

16.♕e2

16...♘c4!∓ 17.♗g5

17.♗xd6 ♘xd6 18.♘d5 ♘xd5 19.♕xd5 O-O∓

17...♗e7!

17...♘xb2 18.♕d4 O-O-O (18...♗e7? 19.♘e4 ♘c4 (19...♘xe4 20.♖xe4!+-) 20.♗xf6 gxf6 21.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 22.♕xf6 ♖g8 23.♘g5 ♕e7 24.♘xh7+-) 19.♗xf6 gxf6 20.♘d5 exd5 (20...♗e5 21.♘xb6+ ♔b7 22.♕e4+ ♔xb6 23.♘xe5 fxe5 24.♕e3+ ♕c5 25.♕b3+ ♔a7 26.♕xb2 ♖d2 27.♕xe5 ♕xe5 28.♖xe5 ♖xc2 29.♖f1 ♖c7 30.g3⩱) 21.♕xb2 ♖he8 22.♖xe8 ♖xe8 23.♕xf6 ♖e2⩱

18.♗xf6

18.♘e4 ♘xe4 19.♖xe4 ♘d6∓

18...gxf6

18...♗xf6?! 19.♘d5 ♕c5 20.♘xf6+ gxf6 21.♕c1⩱

19.♘d4

19.♕d4 ♖d8 20.♕h4 h5∓

19...♖d8

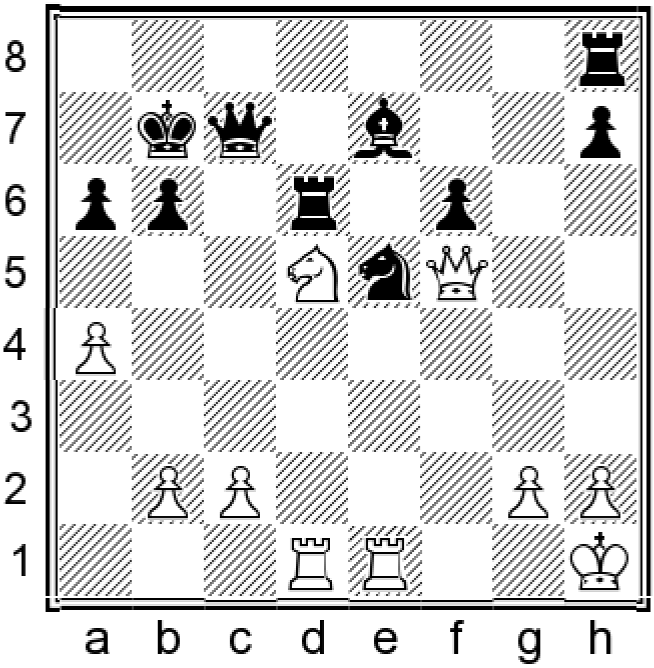
19...O-O-O!? 20.♕d3 ♘xb2 21.♕xa6+ ♕b7 22.♕xb7+ ♔xb7 23.♘cb5 ♘c4∓

20.♘xe6

20.♕g4 h5 21.♕g7 ♖f8 22.♘xe6 fxe6 23.♖xe6 ♖d6 24.♖ee1 ♘e5∓

20...fxe6 21.♕h5+ ♔d7 22.♕f7 ♘e5□ 23.♖ad1+ ♔c8?

23...♔c6 24.♕xe6+ ♖d6 (24...♗d6? 25.♘e4+-) (24...♔b7 - 23...♔c8) 25.♕f5 ♔b7 26.♘d5



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24.♕xe6+ ♔b7 25.♘d5 ♖xd5 26.♖xd5 ♖d8 27.♖ed1 ♖xd5 28.♖xd5 ♗c5 29.h3

29.♖d1∞

29...♕c6 30.♕g8

30.♕xc6+ ♔xc6 31.♖d8∞

30...♕xa4

30...♗d6 31.♕xh7+ ♗c7 32.♖d4 ♘f3!? 33.♖d7 ♘g5 34.♕f5∞

31.♕xh7+ ♔c6 32.♖d1 ♕f4 33.♕g8 a5 34.c3

34.♕c8+ ♔b5 35.♕e8+ ♔a6 (35...♘c6? 36.b3±) 36.♕c8+ ♔b5=

34...a4 35.♕c8+ ♔b5 36.♕e8+ ♘c6 37.♕e2+

37.♕e6=

37...♕c4 38.♕f3 ♕b3 39.♖d2?!

39.♕e2+ ♔a5 40.♖f1=39.♖e1=

39...♕e6! 40.♖d1 ♘e5

40...♘a5!?

41.♕f1+

41.♕e4

41...♘c4∓ 42.♖b1

42.♖e1 ♗e3∓

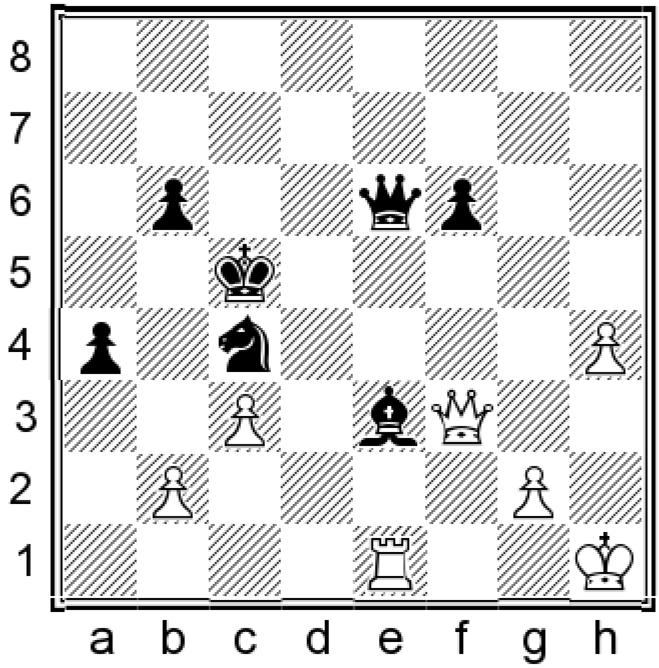
42...♔c6

42...♗d6!?

43.♖e1 ♗e3 44.♕f3+ ♔c5

⌓44...♔b5

45.h4?



45.♕a8 ♘xb2 46.♕f8+ ♔d5 47.♕a3 ♘c4 48.♕xa4=

45...f5! 46.h5

46.♕a8 ♘xb2 47.♕f8+ ♔d5! 48.♕b4 ♕e4!-+

46...f4 47.♖e2

47.♕xf4 ♗xf4 48.♖xe6 ♘xb2 49.h6 ♗xh6 50.♖xh6 a3 51.♖f6 ♘d1 52.♖f1 ♘xc3 53.g4 a2 54.♖a1 ♔d5-+

47...♕f5-+ 48.♖e1 ♘e5 49.♕h3 ♕xh3+

49...♘g4!?

50.gxh3 ♘f7 51.♔g2 ♔c4 52.♖d1 ♔b3 53.♖d7 f3+ 54.♔g3 ♘e5 55.♖e7 f2 56.♔g2 ♘c4 57.♖f7 ♔xb2 58.♖f3 a3 0-1

71. B85
Praggnanandhaa, R. (2442) - Hou, Yifan (2649)
Douglas 130/71, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 d6 6.♗e2 ♗e7 7.O-O a6 8.f4 ♕c7 9.♔h1 O-O 10.a4 ♘c6 11.♗e3 ♘xd4 12.♕xd4 ♗d7 13.e5 ♘e8 14.♕b4

14.♗d3 - 120/85

14...♗c6 15.♗b6 dxe5! 16.♕a5

16.♗xc7? ♗xb4 17.♗xe5 ♘f6∓

16...♕c8 17.fxe5 g6 18.♗d3N

18.♖ad1

18...♗d8 19.♘e4 ♗xb6 20.♕xb6 ♕d8 21.♕e3 ♗xe4! 22.♕xe4 ♕c7 23.a5

23.♖a3!?

23...♖d8 24.b4 ♘g7 25.g4 ♕e7

25...h5 26.h3 ♕c3 27.♕e1! ♕d4 28.♕e4=25...♖d5 26.♖ae1 ♖fd8 27.♖f4=

26.♖ae1

26.♗e2!?

26...♖d7 27.♖f6 ♖fd8

27...♘e8!?

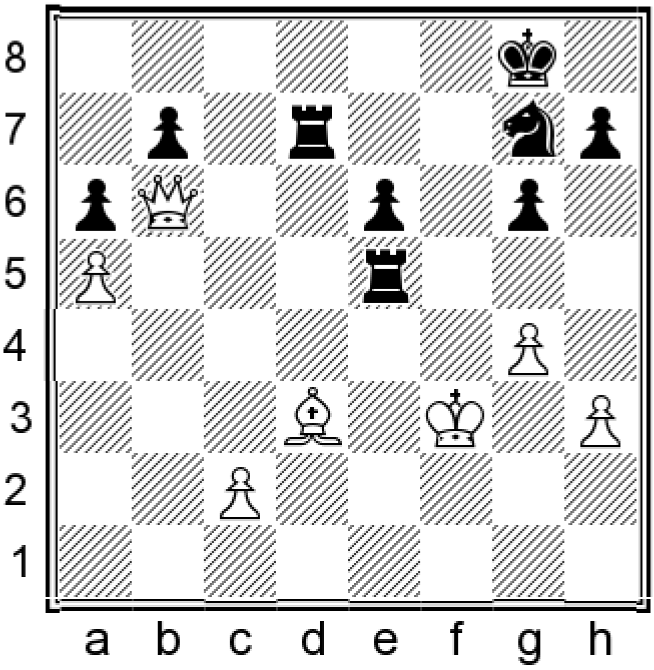
28.♖ef1 ♖d4 29.♕e3 ♖xb4 30.♖xf7 ♕xf7 31.♖xf7 ♔xf7 32.♕c5

32.♕g5 ♖d5 33.h4 ♔g8=

32...♖bd4 33.♕b6 ♖8d7 34.h3 ♖4d5

⌓34...h5

35.♔g2 ♔g8 36.♔f3 ♖xe5



36...♖f7+!?

37.h4

37.♗xa6! ♖dd5 (37...bxa6?? 38.♕b8++-) 38.♕xb7 ♖xa5 39.♗d3 ♖ed5=

37...g5

⌓37...♘e8

38.h5

38.♗xa6 ♘f5!? 39.gxf5 ♖xf5+ 40.♔g4 h5+ 41.♔xh5 gxh4+ 42.♔xh4 ♖h7+ 43.♔g4 ♖g7+=38.♕a7!? ♖ed5 (38...♖xa5 39.♕b8+ ♔f7 40.h5 ♘e8 41.♗xh7 ♘f6 42.♕h8±) 39.♕b8+ ♖d8 (39...♔f7 40.h5±) 40.♕xb7 gxh4 41.♕xa6 h5 42.gxh5 h3! 43.♕b6 (43.h6 h2 44.♔g2 ♖h5 45.♔h1 ♖xh6∞) 43...♖f8+ 44.♔g3 h2! 45.♔xh2 ♖xh5+ 46.♔g3 ♖g5+ 47.♔h4 ♖h5+ 48.♔g4 e5=

38...♘e8 39.♗xa6?

39.h6∞

39...bxa6 40.♕xa6 ♔f7-+ 41.♕b6 ♖e1 42.♕b5 ♘f6 43.a6 ♖a1 44.♕xg5 ♖xa6 45.♕h6 ♔e8

45...♖c7!?

46.♔e2 ♖f7 47.♕g5 ♖d6 48.c4 ♖d4 49.♕b5+ ♘d7 50.g5 ♖f5 51.♕a6 ♔e7 52.♕a3+ ♖c5 53.g6 hxg6 54.hxg6 ♖xc4 55.g7 ♖g4 56.♕a1 ♖e5+ 57.♔f3 ♖xg7 0-1

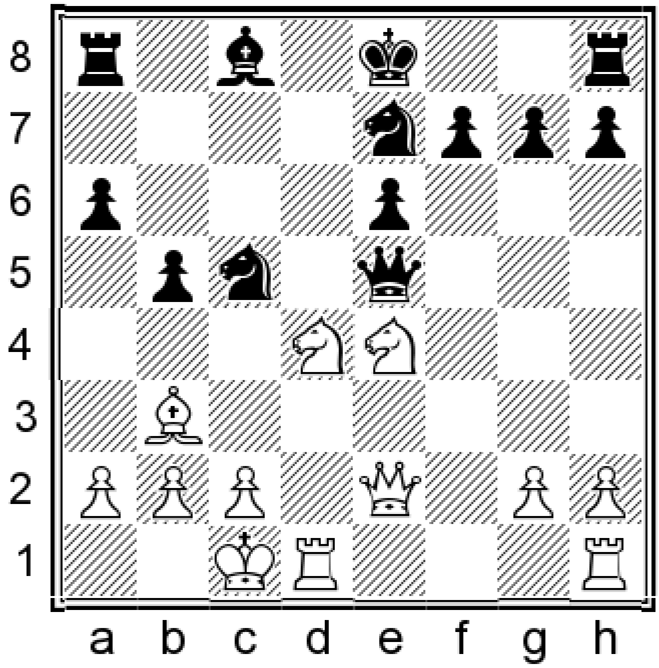
72.* B86
Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2675) - Djukic, Nikola (2534)
Baku (ol) 130/72, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 ♘bd7 7.♗c4 ♕b6 8.♗b3 e6 9.♕d2 ♗e7 10.O-O-O ♘c5 11.♕e2!?

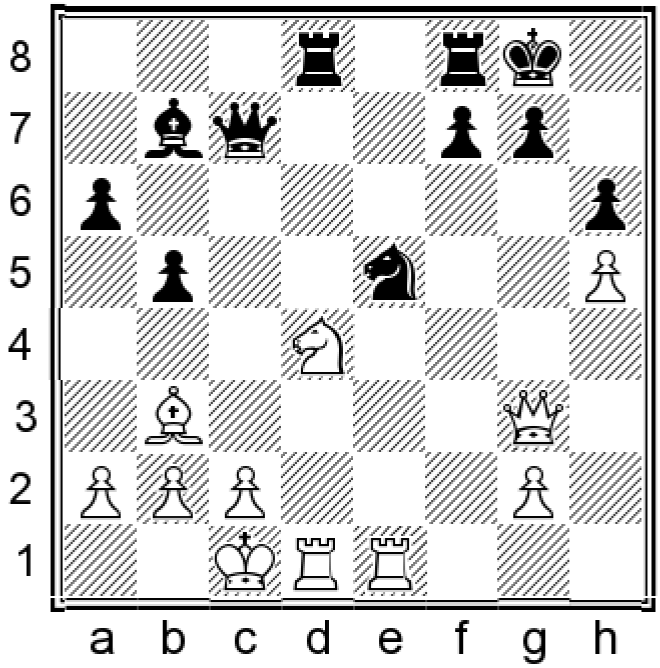
11.♖he1 - 109/142

11...h6?!N

11...♕c7 - 130/(72) 12.f4 b5 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 ♘d5! 15.♗xe7 ♘xe7 16.♘e4! ♘xe4 (16...♕xe5? 17.♘xe6!! ♘xb3+ 18.axb3 18...♕xe6 19.♘d6+ ♔f8 20.♕f3! ♖b8 21.♘xf7!+-) (16...O-O 17.♘d6±) (16...♘xb3+ 17.axb3! (17.♘xb3?! O-O 18.♘d6 ♗b7) 17...O-O (17...♕xe5? 18.♘xe6 - 16...♕e5) 18.♘d6± |^) 17.♕xe4 ♖b8! (17...♗b7? 18.♕g4 ♕xe5 (18...O-O 19.♘xe6 fxe6 20.♕xe6+ ♔h8 21.♖d7+-) (18...♘g6 19.♘xe6 fxe6 20.♗xe6→)



19.♘xe6! (19.♖he1 h5□ 20.♕h4 ♕f6 21.♕g3↑) 19...fxe6 20.♗xe6→) 18.h4!? ♗d7N (18...O-O 19.h5 h6 20.♖he1 (Δ ♖e3-g3) 20...♗b7 (20...a5 21.c3!→) 21.♕g4 ♖bd8! (21...♖be8 22.♗xe6 (22.♘xe6? fxe6 23.♕xe6+ ♔h8 24.♖d7 ♕a5!-+) 22...♘c6! 23.♘xc6 fxe6 (23...♗xc6 24.♗d7 ♗xd7 25.♖xd7 ♕a5 26.♖e3! Δ♕xa2? 27.♖g3+-) 24.♘d4±) 22.♗xe6 (22.♖d3 ♔h8 23.♗xe6 (23.♖g3 ♖g8) 23...♘c6! 24.♖g3 fxe6 25.♘xe6 ♕xe5! 26.♕xg7+ ♕xg7 27.♖xg7 ♖de8 28.♖g6 (28.♖xb7? ♖f6) 28...♖f2 29.♖xh6+ ♔g8 30.♖g6+ ♔h8=) 22...♘c6! (22...fxe6?! 23.♘xe6 ♖xd1+ 24.♕xd1 ♕c8 25.♘xf8 ♕xf8±) 23.♘xc6 (23.♗b3 ♘xe5 24.♕g3



24...♗f3!! (24...♖fe8 25.♖e2± |^) 25.♘f5 (25.gxf3? ♘d3+-+) (25.♖xe5 ♗xd1 26.♘f5 ♗g4! 27.♘xh6+ gxh6 28.♕xg4+ ♔h8∓) 25...♖xd1+ 26.♖xd1 ♗g4 27.♖d5 ♖d8 28.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 29.♘e3 ♕g5⇄) 23...♖xd1+ 24.♖xd1 (24.♔xd1 ♕xc6 25.♗b3 ♕xg2 26.♕xg2 ♗xg2 27.e6=) 24...♗xc6 (24...♕xc6? 25.♗d5) 25.♗d5 ♖e8! (25...♗xd5 26.♖xd5 ♕a5 27.a4! (27.a3 ♕e1+ 28.♕d1 ♕e4!=/∞) (27.♔b1 ♕e1+ 28.♕d1 ♕e4!=/∞) 27...♕e1+ 28.♕d1 ♕e3+ 29.♔b1 bxa4 30.♕d4±) 26.♕f3 (26.♗xc6 ♕xc6=) 26...♗xd5 27.♖xd5 ♖xe5 28.♕g3 f6 29.♖xe5 fxe5=) 19.h5 h6 20.♖h3 a5 21.a3 ♕b6?! (21...b4 22.a4 O-O 23.♖g3 ♖bd8 24.♕f4 ♔h8∞) 22.c3 b4 23.axb4 axb4 24.c4 ♕b7?! (24...♕a7!? 25.♕g4±) (24...♕a5 25.♖g3±) (24...♘f5 25.♖hd3±) 25.♕g4 ♖a8 26.♔b1± Nijboer,F (2550)-Gelfand,B (2720) Novi Sad 130/(72) 2016

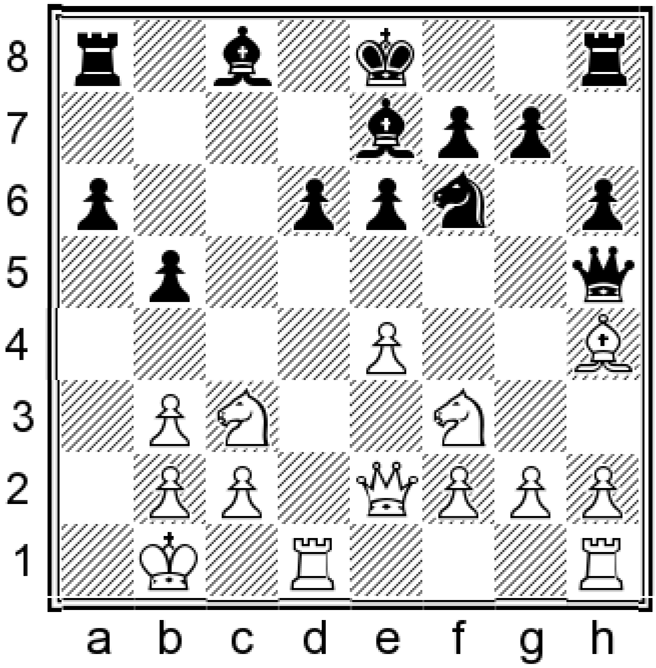
12.♗h4 ♕a5

12...♕c7 13.f4 Δb5? 14.e5 dxe5 15.fxe5 Δ♘h7 16.♗xe7 ♕xe7 17.♘c6! ♕g5+ 18.♔b1 ♗b7 19.h4 ♕g6 20.♘xb5! axb5 21.♕xb5+- ->12...O-O

13.♔b1

13.f4±

13...♘xb3 14.axb3 ♕h5 15.♘f3! b5?



16.♗xf6?

16.e5! dxe5 17.♗xf6! gxf6 (17...♗xf6 18.♕e4+-) 18.♕e4 ♖b8 19.♕c6+ ♔f8 20.♕c7 ♖a8 21.♘e4+- ->

16...gxf6

16...♗xf6 17.e5! ♗xe5 18.♕e4+-

17.♖he1± ♖g8 18.♖d3 ♗b7 19.♘d5! ♗d8 20.♘f4 ♕c5 21.♘d4 ♕e5 22.♕d2 ♔d7?! 23.b4!+- ♗xe4 24.♘f3 ♕f5 25.♖xd6+ ♔c8 26.♘d4 ♕h7 27.♕c3+ ♗c7 28.f3 ♗b7 29.♖d1 ♖a7 30.♖d7! ♔xd7 31.♘dxe6+ ♗d5 32.♘xd5 ♔xe6 33.♕xf6+ ♔d7 34.♘b6+ ♔e8 35.♖e1+ ♗e5 36.♖xe5+ ♔f8 37.♖d5 1-0

73. !N B90
Sutovsky, Emil (2625) - Szuhanek, Ranko (2496)
Novi Sad 130/73, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.f4 ♗e7 9.f5 ♗c8 10.g4

10.♕f3 - 122/71

10...h6 11.a4! ♘c6!N

11...d5

12.♗g2 ♘b4 13.♗e3 ♗d7 14.♘e2

14.a5!? O-O 15.h4 (15.O-O ♖c8 16.♗b6 ♕e8 17.♖e1 ♗c6 18.♕d2 ♕d7 19.♖ac1 (19.♘d1 ♘xc2 20.♕xc2 ♗xe4 21.♕f2 ♖c2 22.♖e2 ♖xe2 23.♕xe2 ♗xg2 24.♕xg2 ♕b5 25.♘c1 d5⯹)) 15...d5 16.exd5 h5 17.♗b6 ♕c8 18.g5 ♘g4 19.f6±

14...b5

14...a5 15.c3 ♘a6 16.♘g3 ♗c6 17.♕e2 ♘d7 (17...O-O? 18.h4 d5 19.g5 ♘xe4 20.♗xe4 dxe4 21.f6+-) 18.O-O ♕c7 19.♘h5 O-O 20.♕d2 ♖fd8∞

15.a5 ♕c7

15...♕c8

16.c3 ♘c6 17.♘g3 b4 18.♗b6 ♕b7

18...♕c8 19.c4 ♘d8 20.♕e2 ♗c6 21.♕d2 ♕b7 22.♕d3 O-O 23.O-O ♖b8∞

19.c4 ♘b8?

19...♘a7 20.♗e3 ♖c8 21.♕d3 ♘c6

20.c5 dxc5 21.♘xc5 ♕c8 22.♘d3?

22.♖c1 ♗c6 23.h4 (23.♘d3 ♘bd7 24.♕c2 ♘xb6 25.axb6 ♗d7 26.O-O ♕xc2 27.♖xc2 ♗d6) 23...♘bd7 24.g5 hxg5 25.hxg5 ♖xh1+ 26.♗xh1 ♘g8 27.g6 ♘xc5 28.♗xc5 ♕d7 29.gxf7+ ♔xf7 30.♕b3+ ♔f8 31.♕xb4+-

22...♘c6?⊕

22...♗b5!∓ 23.♖c1 (23.♘xe5 ♘bd7 24.♖c1 (24.♘xd7 ♘xd7 25.♗f1 ♗c6 26.♗f2 O-O 27.♗e2 ♘f6 (27...♖d8 28.O-O ♘c5 29.♕c2 b3 30.♕c3 ♘xe4 31.♘xe4 ♗xe4 32.♕xc8 ♖dxc8 33.♖a4 ♗b7=) 28.♖c1 ♕b7 29.O-O (29.♗f3 ♖ad8 30.♕b3 ♘xe4∓ 31.♖xc6? ♘d2 32.♕e3 ♖fe8 33.♗g2 ♗g5 34.♖e6 ♕c8-+) 29...♘xe4 30.♗f3 ♘xf2 31.♗xc6 ♕xc6 32.♖xc6 ♘xd1 33.♖xd1 ♗f6 34.b3 ♖fe8 35.♖d3 ♖e5 36.♖b6 ♗e7 37.♔f1 ♖xa5∓) 24...♕b8 25.♗c7 ♕a7 26.♕b3 O-O 27.♘c6 ♗xc6 28.♖xc6 ♖ac8 29.♗b6 ♕b8 30.♖xc8 ♖xc8 31.O-O ♘xb6 32.axb6 ♗d6 33.♘h5 ♕xb6+ 34.♔h1 ♘xh5 35.gxh5 ♗b8-+) 23...♘c6 24.♗f1 (24.♘xe5 ♕b8-+) 24...O-O (24...♕b7) 25.♘xe5? ♕b8 26.♗xb5 ♘xa5 27.♘c6 ♘xc6 28.♗xc6 ♕xb6 29.♗xa8 ♕e3+ 30.♔f1 ♕xg3-+

23.h4± ♖b8?!

23...♔f8 24.♖c1 ♕e8 (24...♕b8 25.g5 hxg5 26.hxg5 ♖xh1+ 27.♗xh1 ♘g8 28.♘c5 ♗c8 29.♘e6+ ♗xe6 30.fxe6 ♘d8 31.exf7 ♘xf7 32.g6+-) 25.O-O ♔g8 26.g5 hxg5 27.hxg5 ♘h7 28.g6 ♘g5 29.♘c5+-

24.g5

24.♖c1 ♖xb6 25.axb6 ♕b7 26.g5 hxg5 27.hxg5 ♖xh1+ 28.♗xh1 ♘h7 (28...♕xb6 29.gxf6 ♕e3+ 30.♔f1+-) 29.g6 fxg6 30.♘c5 ♗xc5 31.♖xc5 ♘f6 32.fxg6 ♕xb6 33.♕d6+-

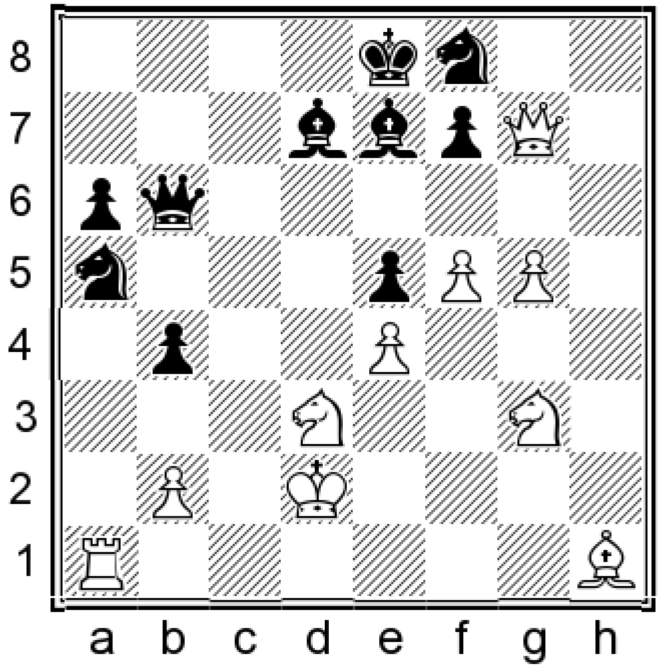
24...hxg5 25.hxg5 ♖xh1+ 26.♗xh1 ♘h7 27.♕h5 ♘f8 28.♕h8?!

28.♘e2 ♖xb6 29.axb6 ♕b7 30.♕h2 ♕xb6 31.♘xe5 ♕b8 32.♘f3+-

28...♖xb6 29.axb6 ♕b7 30.♕xg7 ♕xb6 31.♔d2?

31.♘f1 ♕g1 32.♘xe5 ♘xe5 33.♕xe5 ♗b5 34.O-O-O ♘d7 35.♕h8+ ♘f8 36.♕h2 ♕xg5+ 37.♔b1 ♘d7 38.♗f3+-

31...♘a5



31...♘d4! 32.♘xe5 (32.♖d1 ♘b3+ 33.♔e2 ♘d4+ 34.♔f1 ♘c2 35.♕h6 (35.♘xe5 ♘e3+ 36.♔e1 ♘xd1 37.♘e2 (37.♕xf7+ ♔d8-+) 37...♘xb2 38.♕xf7+ ♔d8 39.♕b3 ♘a4∓)) 32...♘b3+ 33.♔e2 ♘xa1 34.♕xf7+ ♔d8 35.♕d5 ♕g1 36.♘xd7 ♘xd7 37.♕a8+ ♔c7 38.e5 ♗xg5 39.♕b7+ ♔d8 40.♕a8+ ♔c7 41.♕c6+ ♔d8 42.♕a8+=

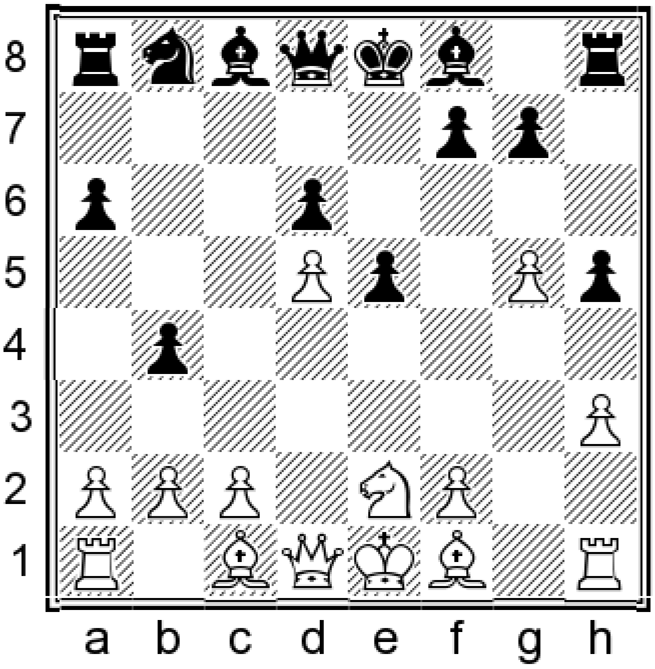
32.♖xa5! ♕xa5 33.g6+- fxg6 34.fxg6 b3+ 35.♔e2 ♕c7

35...♗e6 36.♘f5 ♕c7 37.♘e3 ♗c4 38.♗f3+-

36.♕f7+ ♔d8 37.g7 ♕c2+ 38.♔e1 ♕b1+ 39.♔f2 ♕c2+ 40.♘e2 ♗h4+ 41.♔g1 ♘e6 42.g8=Q+ ♔c7 43.♘c3 ♕xd3 44.♘d5+ 1-0

74.* !N B90
Volkov, Dmitriy (2281) - Swiercz, Dariusz (2636)
Atlantic City 130/74, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘de2 b5 8.g4 b4 9.♘d5 ♘xd5 10.exd5 h5! 11.g5



11.gxh5 - 125/67

11...h4!N

11...g611...♗e7!? 12.h4 ♗g4

12.a3 bxa3 13.♖xa3 ♗e7 14.♖g1 ♗f5 15.♘c3

15.c4N ♘d7 16.♘c3 ♕c8 17.♕f3 g6 18.♘e4 ♖b8 19.♖c3 ♗xe4 (19...♖b4 20.♗d3 ♗xe4 21.♕xe4 ♘c5 22.♕f3 ♕b7∓) 20.♕xe4 a5 21.♕c2 ♘c5∞ Reza,W (2266) -Barski,R (2333) Polska 130/(74) 2016

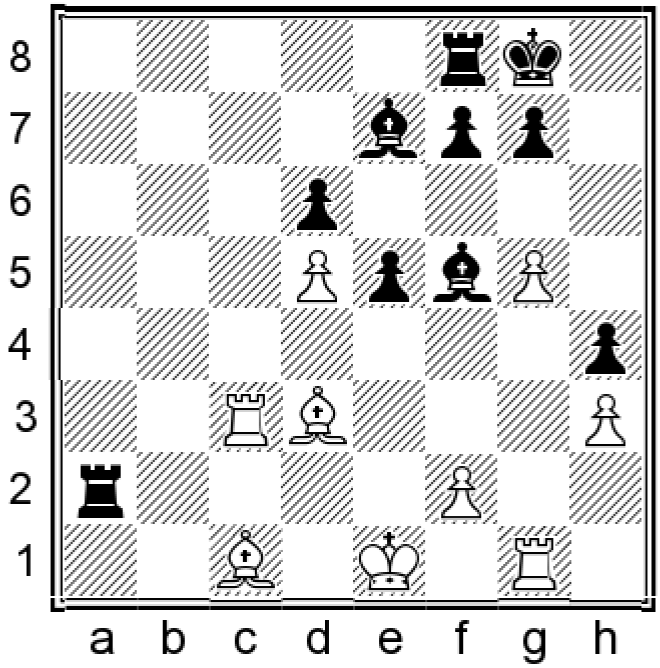
15...♕c8 16.♕f3?!

16.♖a4 ♗xh3?! 17.♖c4 ♕d7 18.♗xh3 ♕xh3 19.♕g4! ♕xg4 20.♖gxg4 h3 21.♖h4±

16...♗xc2 17.♘b5?

17.♗b5+ ♘d7! (17...♔f8!? 18.g6! ♕f5 19.♕e2∞) 18.♗c6 ♖b8 19.♕g4 g6 20.♘e4∞

17...O-O 18.♖c3 ♕f5 19.♕xf5 ♗xf5 20.♘c7 ♖a7 21.♗e3 ♖b7-+ 22.♘xa6 ♘xa6 23.♗xa6 ♖xb2 24.♗c1 ♖a2 25.♗d3



25...♖c8! 26.♖xc8+ ♗xc8 27.f4

27.♖h1 ♖a1-+ (27...♗xg5-+)

27...exf4 28.♗xf4 ♗xh3 29.♗d2 ♗d8 30.♗c3 ♗b6 31.♖h1 ♗g2 32.♖xh4 ♗f2+ 0-1

75. B90
Eljanov, Pavel (2757) - Oparin, Grigoriy (2621)
Novi Sad 130/75, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.♘de2 h5 8.♗g5 ♗e6 9.♗xf6 ♕xf6 10.♘d5 ♕d8 11.♕d3 ♘d7 12.O-O-O g6 13.♔b1 ♘c5 14.♕f3 ♗g7 15.♘ec3 b5 16.♘e3N

16.♗e2 - 127/(76)

16...O-O

16...b4 17.♘cd5 ♖b8 18.♘c4±

17.g4 h4 18.♖g1 ♕g5?!

18...♗f6 19.♘f5 (19.g5 ♗xg5 20.♘f5 ♖a7) 19...♗g5 20.♘xd6⌓18...♗h6 19.g5! (19.♘cd5 ♗g5∓) 19...♗xg5 20.♘f5 ♖a7 (20...♘b7 21.♕g4 (21.♘d5 ♔h7 22.♗e2∞) 21...♗f6 22.♘d5 ♔h7∞) 21.♖xd6 ♖d7 22.♖xd7 ♗xd7 23.♘e3 ♘e6∞

19.♖xd6 ♖fd8 20.♖c6

20.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 21.♘cd5 ♗d7 22.♗e2 ♘e6 23.c3±

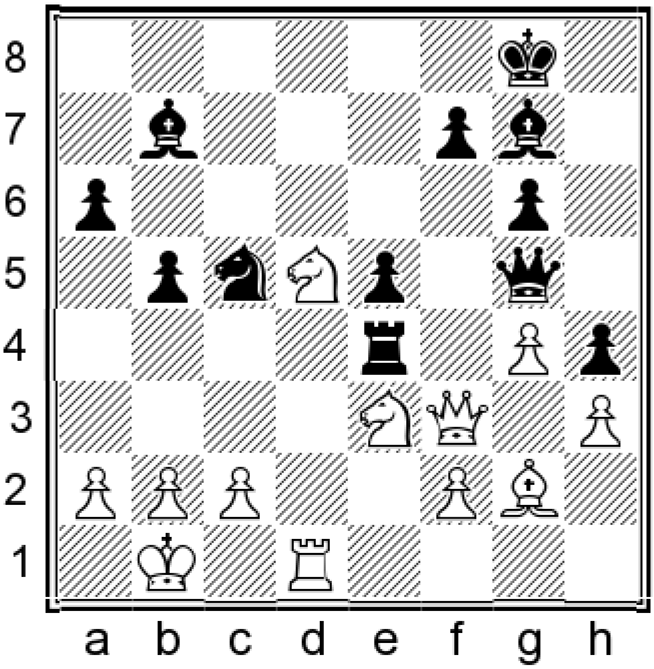
20...♖ac8 21.♖xc8 ♗xc8 22.♗g2

22.♘cd5 f5! (22...♘e6 23.c3 ♗b7 24.♗d3±) 23.♗g2 ♘xe4∞22.♘ed5 ♗b7 23.♗g2 ♘e6 24.♖d1±

22...♖d4 23.♖d1

23.♘ed5 ♗b7 (23...b4?! 24.♕e3! ♗h6 (24...♕xe3 25.fxe3 ♖d2 26.♘xb4±) 25.f4 ♕d8 26.♘e2±) 24.♕e3 ♘e6 25.♘e2 ♖c4 26.♖d1±

23...♗b7 24.♘cd5 ♖xe4?!



24...b4 25.♖xd4 exd4 26.♘c4 ♗xd5 27.exd5 ♗h6 28.♕d1 ♕f4∞24...♗xd5! 25.♘xd5 (25.exd5? e4 26.♕e2 ♖b4 27.b3 ♕e5-+) 25...♖d2 (∆ ♘e4) 26.♘e3 (26.♖xd2 ♕xd2 27.♕e3 ♕d1+ 28.♕c1 ♕e2 29.♕e3=) 26...♘xe4 (26...♖xd1+ 27.♕xd1 ♕f4=) 27.♕xe4 ♕xe3 28.♕xe3 ♖xd1+ 29.♕c1 ♖xc1+ 30.♔xc1 ♗h6+=

25.c3! ♗xd5

25...♖f4 26.♕e2 ♘e6 (26...e4 27.♘xf4 ♕xf4 28.♘d5±) 27.♕d2 ♗xd5 28.♘xd5 ♖c4 29.♕xg5 ♘xg5 30.♗f1 ♖e4 31.b3± (31.f3 ♘xf3 32.♗g2 ♘g5 33.♗xe4 ♘xe4 34.♔c2±)25...♖a4 26.♕e2 (26.b3?! ♖f4 27.♕e2 e4! 28.♘xf4 ♕xf4⯹ 29.♖d8+ ♔h7 30.♘d1 ♕c7 (30...♕h2!?) 31.♖d2 ♕e5⯹) 26...♘e6 27.♕d2 ♗f8 28.b3±

26.♘xd5 a5 27.a3 ♕d8 28.b4+- axb4 29.axb4 ♖c4 30.♘e3

30.bxc5 ♖xc5 31.♕e3 ♖c4 32.♕a7+-

30...♕c7 31.♕c6 ♘e4 32.♕a8+!

32.♕e8+?! ♔h7 33.♗xe4 ♖xe4 34.♖d3 ♖xe3 35.♖xe3 (35.fxe3? ♕c4 36.♖d7 ♕b3+ 37.♔c1 ♕xc3+ 38.♔d1 ♕b3+ 39.♔e2 ♕c4+=) 35...♕c4 36.♔b2 ♕d5 37.♖e2 ♕d3 38.♖c2 ♕xh3 39.♕xf7 ♕xg4 40.♖d2±

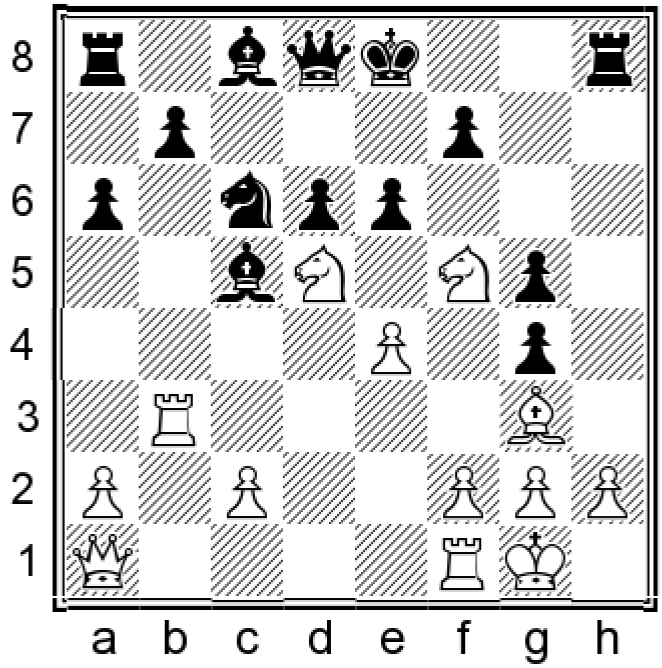
32...♔h7 33.♗xe4 ♖xc3 34.♔b2 ♖c4 35.♘xc4 ♕xc4 36.♕d5 ♕xb4+ 37.♔c2 ♕a3 38.f3 1-0

76. !N B90
McShane, Luke J (2671) - Yu, Yangyi (2725)
Baku (ol) 130/76, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 ♘g4 7.♗c1 ♘f6 8.♗e3 ♘g4 9.♗g5 h6 10.♗h4 g5 11.♗g3 ♗g7 12.♗e2 h5 13.♗xg4 hxg4 14.♘d5 ♘c6 15.♘f5 ♗xb2 16.♖b1 ♗a3 17.♖b3

17.♘b6 - 77/238

17...♗c5 18.O-O e6 19.♕a1



19...e5!N

19...f6

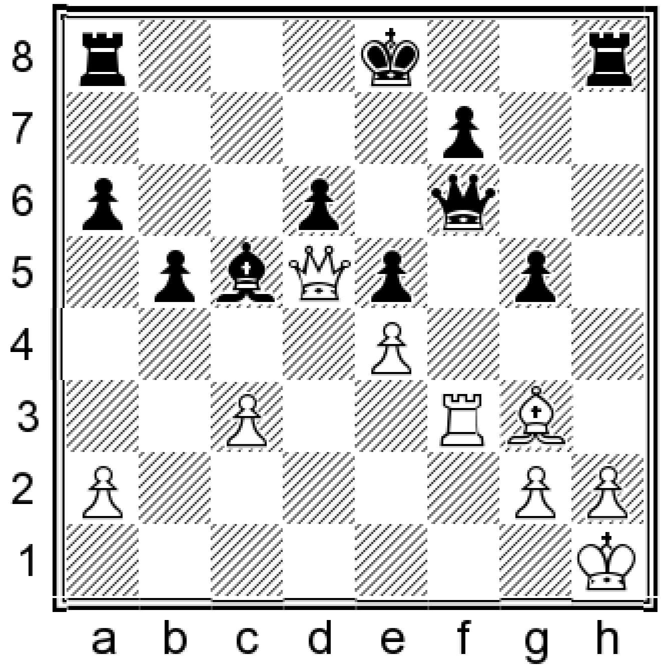
20.♕d1 ♘d4 21.♘xd4 ♗xd4 22.♔h1 b5 23.f3

23.♖d3 ♗e6 24.♖xd4 exd4 25.♕xd4 ♖h6 26.♘e3 ♔f8 27.♗xd6+ ♔g8∞

23...gxf3 24.♖bxf3 ♗g4 25.c3 ♗c5 26.♘f6+

26.♕d3 ♗xf3 (26...f5 27.♖xf5 ♗xf5 28.exf5⩱) 27.♕xf3 ♔d7 28.♕xf7+ ♔c6 29.♘e7+ ♔b6 30.♘d5+ ♔c6=

26...♕xf6 27.♕d5☐ ♗xf3 28.♖xf3



28...♔e7!= 29.♕b7+ ♔e6 30.♕d5+ ♔e7 31.♕b7+ ♔e6 32.♗xe5 ♕g6

32...♕xf3 33.♕d5+ ♔e7 34.gxf3 f6 35.♕b7+ ♔e6 36.♕d5+=

33.♕d5+ ♔e7 34.♕b7+ ♔e6 35.♕d5+ ♔e7 36.♕b7+ 1/2-1/2

77.* B90
Sevian, Samuel (2590) - Xiong, Jeffery (2660)
Dallas 130/77, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 ♘f6 4.♘c3 cxd4 5.♘xd4 a6 6.f3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.♗e3 ♗e7 9.♕d2 ♘bd7 10.g4 b5 11.a4 ♗xb3

11...b4 - 58/28911...bxa4 12.♖xa4 O-O 13.♘a5 ♘b8N (13...♕c7 14.g5 ♘h5 15.♘d5 ♗xd5 16.exd5 ♗d8 17.♔d1 ♘f4 18.♗xf4 exf4 19.h4 ♘e5∞) 14.g5 ♘e8 15.♘d5 ♗xd5 16.exd5 ♕d7 17.b3 ♗d8 18.♗d3 f5 19.f4 exf4 20.♗xf4 ♕f7 21.O-O± Kryvoruchko,Y (2693) -Yu,Y (2725) Baku (ol) 130/(77) 2016

12.cxb3 b4 13.♘d1

13.♘e2!? ♘c5 (13...d5 14.exd5 ♗c5 15.♘g3 ♗xe3 16.♕xe3 ♘xd5 17.♕e4 ♘f4 18.O-O-O (18.♕xb4 ♖b8 19.♕c3 O-O 20.O-O-O±)) 14.♗xc5 dxc5 15.♕xd8+ ♗xd8 16.♘g3±

13...O-O 14.♘f2N

14.♗c4

14...d5 15.exd5 ♘b6 16.d6

16.♗xb6 ♕xb6 17.g5 ♘h5 18.♘e4 ♗c5=∞

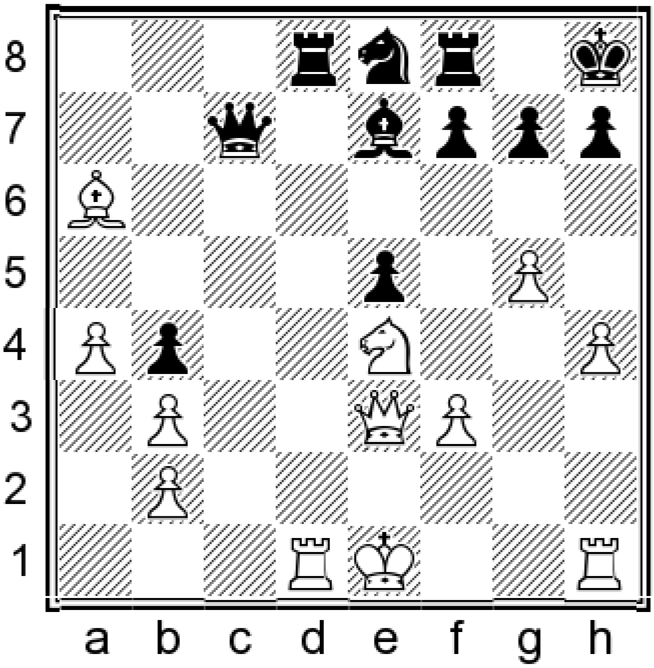
16...♗xd6 17.♖d1 ♘bd5 18.g5 ♘xe3 19.♕xe3 ♘e8 20.♘e4 ♕c7 21.♗c4 ♗e7 22.h4 ♔h8 23.♗d3?!

23.h5 f5 24.gxf6 ♘xf6 (24...gxf6 25.h6±) 25.♘g5 e4 26.♘e6 ♕g3+ 27.♕f2 ♕xf2+ 28.♔xf2 ♖fc8 29.♘f4 ♗c5+ 30.♔g2 exf3+ 31.♔xf3 h6 32.♖he1↑

23...♖d8

23...f5! 24.gxf6 ♘xf6 25.♘xf6 (25.♘g5? e4! 26.♘xe4 ♖ad8∓) 25...gxf6 26.♗f5 ♗c5 (26...♗d6=) 27.♖c1 ♕d7! 28.♗xd7 (28.♕xe5 ♖ae8 29.♗xd7 ♖xe5+=) 28...♗xe3=

24.♗xa6



24...f5! 25.gxf6 ♘xf6 26.♘xf6

26.♗c4 ♘xe4 27.♕xe4 ♖f4 28.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 29.♕xe5 ♗xh4+ 30.♔e2 ♖f8 31.♗b5 h6=

26...♗xf6

26...gxf6 27.♗c4 (27.♖xd8 ♖xd8 28.♗d3 f5! 29.♔e2 (29.♗xf5? e4! 30.fxe4 (30.♗xe4 ♕g3+ 31.♔f1 ♖d1+-+) 30...♕c2-+) 29...e4! 30.fxe4 f4∓) 27...e4 28.fxe4 ♗c5 (28...♕e5=∞) 29.♕f3 f5! 30.♖xd8 (30.exf5? ♕e5+ 31.♗e2 ♖xd1+ 32.♔xd1 ♕xb2-+) 30...♖xd8 31.♖h3 ♕d6 32.♗d3 f4=

27.♕e4 g6?!

27...♖xd1+! 28.♔xd1 ♖d8+ 29.♗d3 g6 30.h5 ♗g5 31.♔e2 ♖d4 32.♕a8+ ♖d8 33.♕e4=

28.♔e2

28.♗c4 ♖d4 29.♖xd4 exd4 30.♔d1

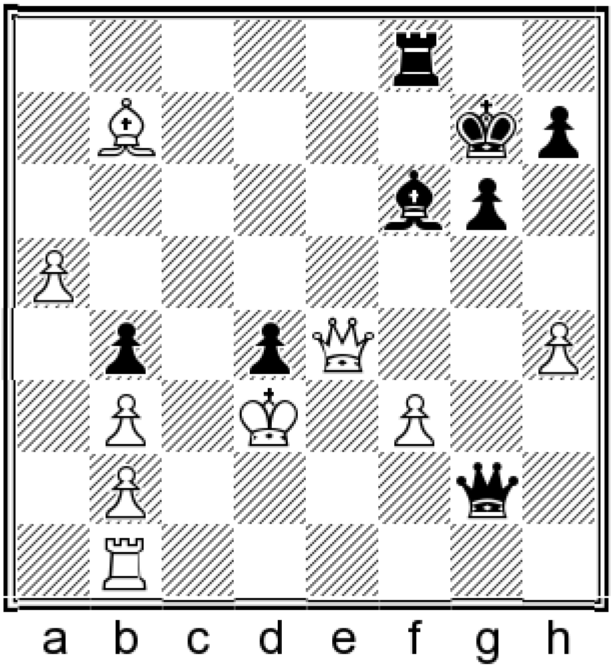
28...♖d4 29.♖xd4 exd4 30.♔d3

30.h5 ♕g3 31.♔d3 g5 32.♗c4↑

30...♕g3 31.♗b7?!

31.h5 g5 32.h6 ♕g2 33.♖b1 ♕f2 34.a5±

31...♕g2 32.♖b1 ♔g7 33.a5



33...♖f7! 34.a6

34.♗d5?! ♖e7 (34...♖c7 35.♕e2 ♕xe2+ 36.♔xe2 ♖c5 37.♗e4 ♖xa5 38.♖c1 ♗xh4 39.♖c7+ ♔h6 40.♔d3=) 35.♗e6 ♖c7 36.♗c4 ♖c5 37.♖e1 ♖xa5∓

34...♖c7 35.♕e2 ♕h3 36.a7

36.♗d5 ♕xh4 37.♕e6 ♕f2 38.♕e2 ♕h4=

36...♕f5+ 37.♕e4?

37.♗e4 ♕b5+ 38.♔d2 ♕xe2+ 39.♔xe2 ♖xa7 40.♖h1 ♖a5 (40...♖a2 41.♔d3 ♖xb2 42.♔c4 ♖e2 43.h5=) 41.♔d3 ♖h5 42.♖c1 ♖xh4 43.♖c7+ ♔h6 44.♖b7 ♖h2 45.♖xb4 ♖xb2 46.♖b6=

37...♕c5-+ 38.♔d2 ♕xa7 39.♗d5 d3! 40.♔xd3 ♕f2 41.♗e6 ♗xb2 42.♗c4 ♖d7+ 43.♗d5 ♕c5! 44.♔e2 ♖xd5 45.♖xb2 ♖e5 0-1

78. B90
Ferreira, Jorge Viterbo (2511) - Berg, Emanuel (2579)
Portugal 130/78, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.f3 h5 9.♘d5 ♘xd5 10.exd5 ♗f5 11.♗d3

11.a4 - 64/(256)

11...♗xd3 12.♕xd3 ♘d7 13.O-O ♗e7 14.c4

14.f4 O-O

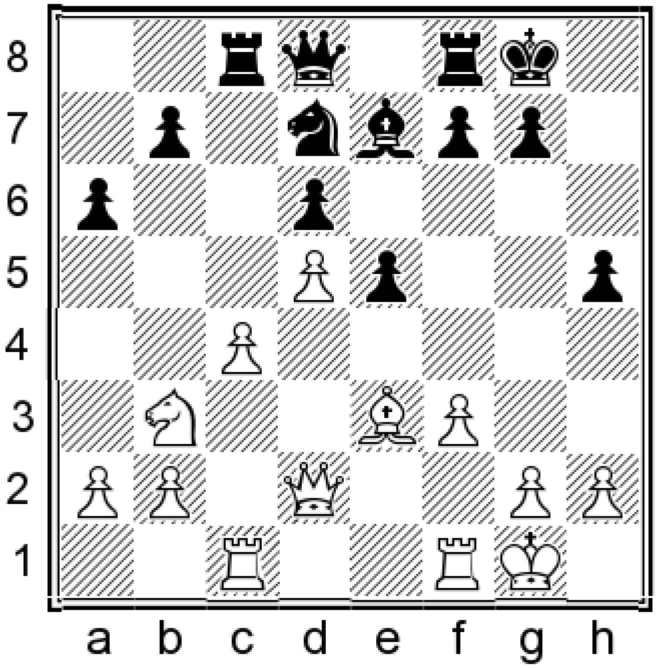
14...♖c8

14...O-O

15.♖ac1 O-O

15...♗g5 16.c5!?↑

16.♕d2N



16.♖fe1

16...b6! 17.♘a1 a5 18.b3

18.a3 a4!?

18...♖e8!? 19.a3?! ♗f6

19...a4! 20.b4 (20.bxa4 ♖a8∓) 20...♗f6∓ Δ e4

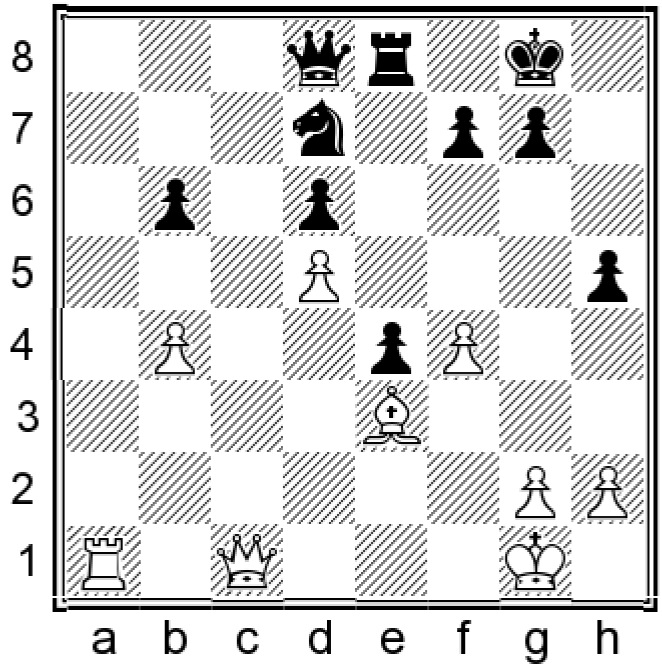
20.b4?

20.a4

20...axb4

20...e4∓

21.axb4 e4 22.f4 ♗xa1 23.♖xa1 ♖xc4 24.♖fc1 ♖xc1+ 25.♕xc1



25...♘f6! 26.♕c6 ♕d7!?

⌓26...♕b8∓ Δ Rc8

27.♗xb6

27.♗d4!?

27...♕f5 28.♕xd6?

28.♗d4!

28...♘xd5-+

28...e3 29.♗d4 ♘xd5 30.♗e5 ♕e4-+

29.g3

29.♖a5 e3! 30.♖xd5 e2 31.♖d1 ♕xf4!!-+

29...e3 30.♖d1 e2 31.♖e1 ♖e6

31...h4!-+

32.♕d8+ ♔h7 33.♗f2 ♘xb4 34.♕d2 ♕e4 35.f5

35.♖xe2 ♕xe2 36.♕xb4 ♕d1+ 37.♔g2 ♕d5+ 38.♔g1 (38.♔h3 h4!-+) 38...♖e2-+

35...♖e5 36.♗d4 ♘c2 37.♗xe5 ♘xe1 38.♕xe1 ♕xe5 39.g4

39.♔f2 ♕xf5+-+

39...♕d4+ 0-1

79. B90
Sengupta, Deep (2571) - Ter Sahakyan, Samvel (2613)
Abu Dhabi 130/79, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.f3 h5 9.♕d2 ♘bd7 10.♘d5 ♗xd5 11.exd5 a5?!

11...g6 - 128/81

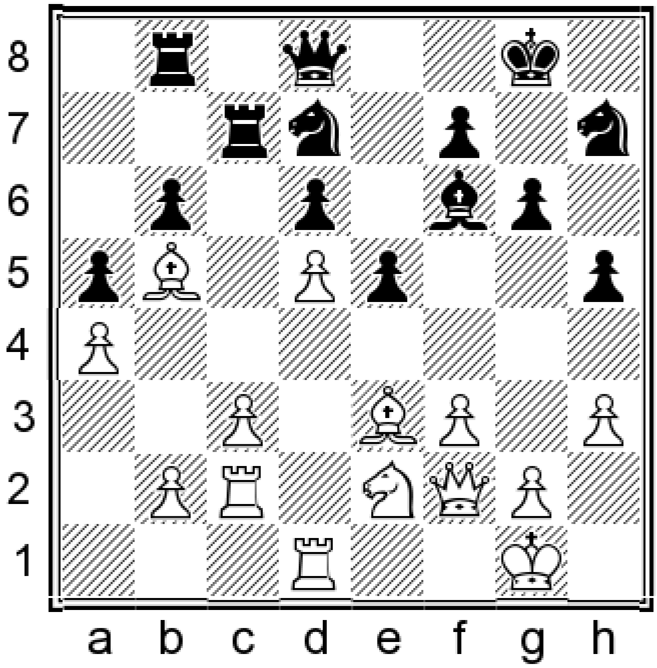
12.a4! g6 13.♗b5 ♗g7 14.h3!? O-O 15.O-O ♕c7 16.♖ac1! ♖fc8N

16...b6

17.♖fd1 ♕d8 18.♕f2 ♖ab8 19.c3 b6 20.♖c2 Δ ♘c1 **20...♖c7 21.♘c1 ♘h7 22.♘e2**

22.b4!?

22...♗f6?!



⌓22...f5

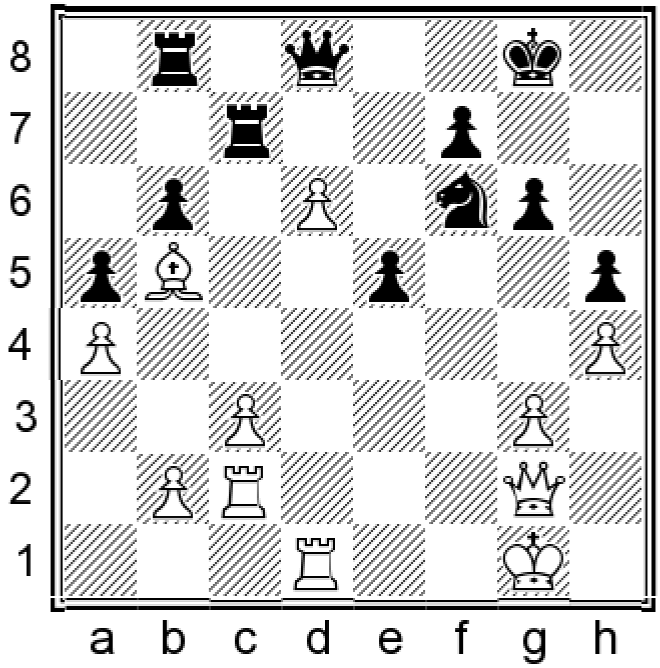
23.f4! ♗h4 24.g3 ♗f6 25.fxe5 ♗xe5

25...dxe5 26.d6±

26.♘d4 ♘g5 27.♕g2 ♗xd4 28.♗xd4 ♘e5?

28...f5!

29.♗xe5 dxe5 30.h4! ♘h7 31.d6 ♘f6



31...♖c5 32.♖cd2+-

32.dxc7!+- ♕xd1+ 33.♔h2 ♖f8 34.♖d2 ♕e1

34...♘g4+ 35.♔h3 ♕e1 36.♖d8 ♘f2+ 37.♕xf2 ♕xf2 38.c8=Q+-

35.♕e2 ♘g4+ 36.♔g2 ♕c1

36...♘e3+ 37.♔f3! e4+ 38.♔f4!+-

37.♗d7 1-0

80.* B90
Inarkiev, Ernesto (2732) - Oparin, Grigoriy (2617)
Russia (ch) 130/80, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 ♘f6 4.♘c3 cxd4 5.♘xd4 a6 6.♗e3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e6 8.♕d2 ♘bd7 9.f3 h5 10.♘d5 ♗xd5 11.exd5 g6 12.O-O-O ♘b6 13.♔b1!?

13.♕a5 - 126/78

13...♘bxd5 14.♗g5 ♗e7 15.c4N

15.g3 - 130/(80) 15...♖c8N (15...O-O) (15...♘b6) 16.♗g2 ♕c7 17.f4 (17.♖he1 O-O 18.f4=∞) 17...♘e3 18.fxe5 ♘c4 19.♕e2 ♘xe5 20.♖hf1 ♘fd7 21.♗xe7 ♔xe7 22.♗d5 ♘f6 23.♗g2 ♘d7 24.♘d4 ♖ce8 25.♕e4± Idani,P (2560)-Darini,P (2524) Urmia 130/(80) 2016

15...♘c7

15...♘b6 16.♘a5 (16.♗xf6 ♗xf6 17.♕xd6 ♘a4! 18.♗e2 ♕xd6 19.♖xd6 ♔e7 20.c5 ♖hc8∞) 16...O-O (16...♕c7 17.♗xf6 ♗xf6 18.♕xd6±) 17.♘xb7 ♕c7 18.♘a5 (18.♗xf6 ♗xf6 19.♘xd6 ♖fd8 20.♕c2 ♖xd6 21.♖xd6 ♕xd6 22.c5 ♕e6 23.cxb6 ♕xb6=) 18...♘bd7∞

16.♘a5 ♖b8 17.c5! d5

17...dxc5 18.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 (18...♗xd8? 19.♖xd8++-) 19.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 20.♘xb7+ ♔e8 21.♗xf6 ♗xf6 22.♘xc5±

18.c6 b6

18...b5 19.♘b7 ♕c8 20.♕c2 O-O 21.♗xf6 (21.g3 d4∞) 21...♗xf6 22.♘c5 ♖d8∞

19.♘b7 ♕c8 20.♕e3 ♕e6 21.♕xb6

21.♗xf6!? ♕xf6 22.♕xb6 ♖c8 23.♘c5 ♗xc5 24.♕xc5±

21...♖c8

21...♘a8! 22.♕xa6 ♕f5+ 23.♗d3 ♕xg5 24.c7 ♘xc7 25.♕c6+ ♔f8 26.♕xc7 ♖a8 27.a3 (27.♖he1 ♕f4 28.♗c2 (28.♖xe5? ♕a4! 29.♕xe7+ ♔g7 30.♖d2 ♕xa2+ 31.♔c1 ♕a1+ 32.♗b1 ♖ac8+-+) (28.♕xe5? ♕xe5 29.♖xe5 ♖a7∓) 28...h4! 29.h3 ♖h5∞) 27...h4 28.♖he1 ♖h5∞

22.♗xf6

22.♗d3 O-O 23.♘c5 ♗xc5 24.♕xc5 ♖fd8 25.♖he1±

22...♕xf6 23.♗xa6 O-O 24.♖c1 ♖fe8

24...♘e6 25.c7 ♘xc7 26.♕xf6 ♗xf6 27.♘d6 ♖cd8 28.♖xc7 ♖xd6 29.♗b5 ♖b8 30.a4 e4∞

25.♖hd1 ♗f8 26.♗f1 ♗g7

⌓26...♖e6 27.♘a5 e4 28.fxe4 ♖xe4 29.a3 ♗h6∞

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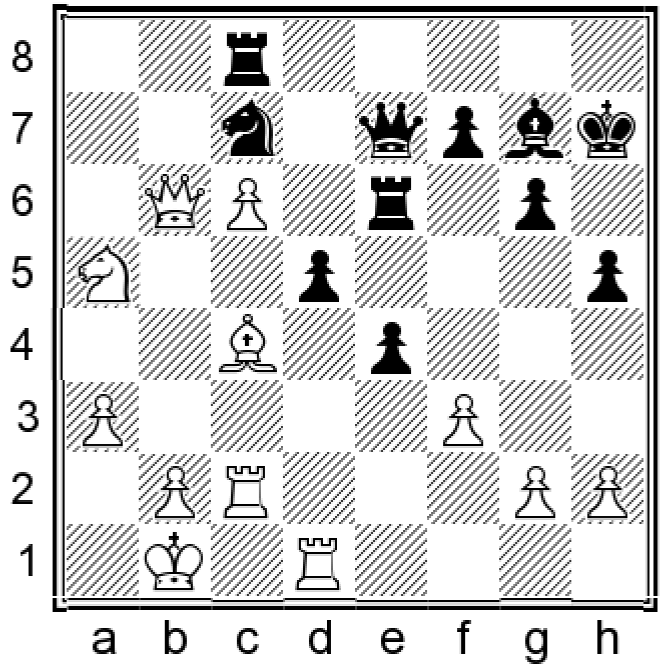
30...e4?



30...dxc4! 31.♖d7 ♕f6 32.♖xc7 ♖xc7 33.♕xc7 e4 34.fxe4 ♖xe4∓

31.♖xd5! exf3

31...♘xd5 32.♗xd5 e3 33.♗xe6 ♕xe6 34.♕b5±

32.♖d7 ♖e1+ 33.♔a2 ♕e4 34.♕f2+- ♕e5 35.♘b3 fxg2 36.♕xg2 f5 37.♘d4 ♖e4 38.♘f3 ♖d4 1-0

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81.* B91
Safarli, Eltaj (2688) - Brkic, Ante (2584)
Baku (ol) 130/81, 2016
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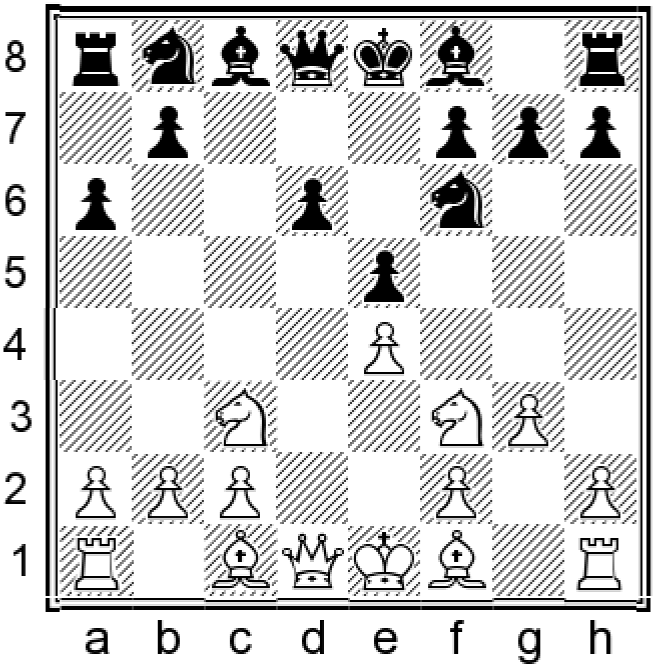
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.g3 e5 7.♘f3!?



7.♘de2 - 129/84

7...♕c7

7...♘bd7 8.♗g2 b5 9.♘h4N (9.♗g5) (9.O-O) 9...g6 10.a3 ♗b7 11.O-O ♖c8 12.♖e1 ♕c7 13.♗d2 ♗g7 14.♕f3 O-O 15.♖ad1 ♘c5 16.♗g5 ♕e7 (16...♘fxe4!? 17.♘xe4 f5 18.♘xc5! ♗xf3 19.♘e6 ♕f7 20.♗xf3 e4 21.♘xf8 ♗xf8 22.♗h1 ♖xc2 23.b4∞) 17.♕e2 ♘e6 18.♗xf6 ♗xf6 19.♘f3 ♘d4 20.♘xd4 exd4 21.♘d5 ♗xd5 22.exd5 ♕xe2 23.♖xe2 ♖fe8= Boskovic,D (2458) -Arsovic,G (2399) Srbija 130/(81) 2016

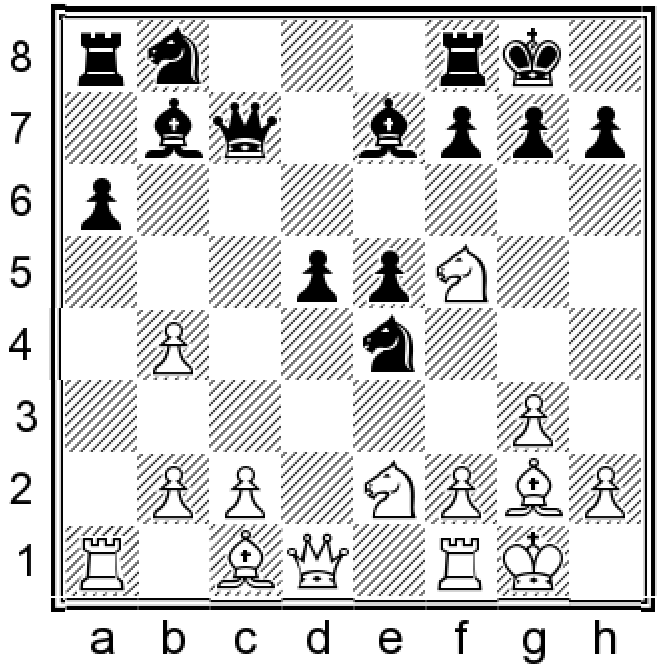
8.♗g2 b5N

8...♗e6

9.O-O ♗e7 10.♘h4 b4 11.♘e2 O-O 12.a3 ♗b7 13.♘f5

13.axb4 ♘xe4 14.♗xe4 (14.♘f5 - 13.Nf5) 14...♗xe4 15.♘c3 ♕b7∞

13...♘xe4 14.axb4 d5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15.♘c3! ♘xc3 16.bxc3 ♗f6 17.♖a5±

17.♘e3 ♕xc3 (17...d4 18.♘d5 ♗xd5 19.♗xd5 ♖a7 20.cxd4 exd4 21.♗f4 ♗e5 22.♗xe5 ♕xe5 23.♖a5±) 18.♖a3 ♕c8 19.♘xd5±

17...♕xc3 18.♗xd5 ♕xb4 19.♗d2! ♕b6 20.♗e3 ♕c7 21.♕g4+- ♗xd5

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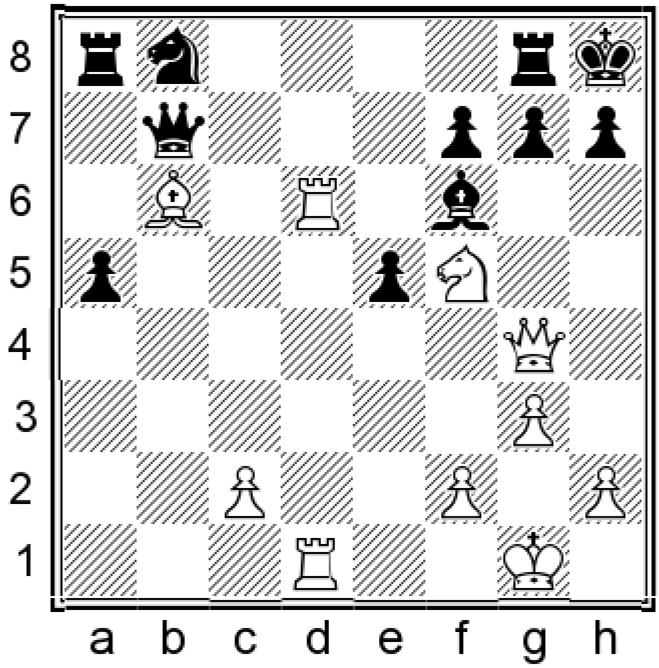
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26.♖xf6! ♘c6

26...gxf6 27.♕xg8+! ♔xg8 28.♖d8#

27.♕h4

27.♕h4 ♕xb6 28.♖h6!+-1-0

82. !N B91
Govedarica, Radovan (2374) - Szuhanek, Ranko (2496)
Novi Sad 130/82, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.g3 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.♗g2 ♗e6 9.O-O b5

9...O-O - 127/(83)

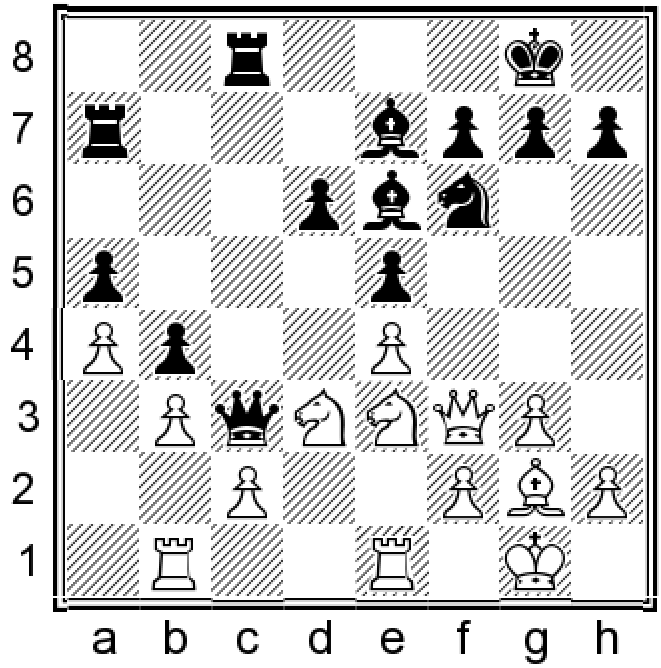
10.♗g5 ♘bd7 11.a4 ♗c4!N

11...b4

12.♗xf6 ♘xf6 13.♖e1 b4 14.♘a2 ♕b6

14...♖b8

15.♘d2 ♗e6 16.b3 O-O 17.♘f1 ♖fc8∓ 18.♘e3 ♖a7 19.♘c1 a5 20.♘d3 ♕d4 21.♕f3 ♕c3 22.♖ab1



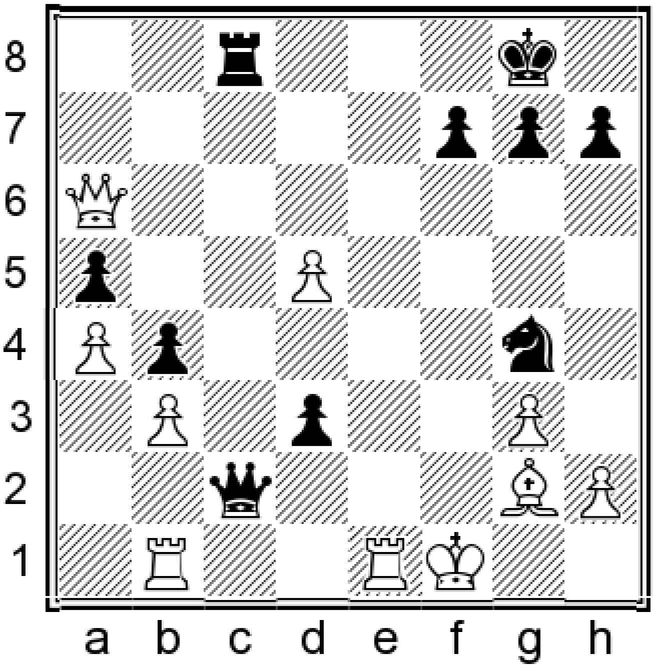
22...d5?

22...♗d8! 23.♘b2 ♗b6 24.♘ec4 ♕xf3 25.♗xf3 ♗d4 26.♖ed1 ♗xb2 27.♘xb2 ♘e8 28.♖d2 ♖ac7 29.♗d1 ♘f6 30.f3 d5∓

23.♘xd5

23.exd5 e4 24.♕f4±

23...♗xd5 24.exd5 e4 25.♕e3 exd3 26.♕xa7 ♗c5 27.♕a6 ♗xf2+ 28.♔xf2 ♘g4+ 29.♔f1 ♕xc2??



29...♕c5! 30.♕xc8+ ♕xc8 31.cxd3 g6 32.♖bc1 ♕f5+ 33.♔g1 ♕xd3 34.h3 (34.♖cd1 ♕c3) 34...♘e3 35.d6 ♔g7 (35...♘xg2 36.♔xg2 ♕d5+ 37.♔h2 ♕xd6) 36.d7 ♘xg2 37.♔xg2 ♕xd7 38.♖b1 ♕c6+ 39.♔h2 ♕c2+ 40.♔g1 h5 41.h4 f5 42.♖e7+ ♔h6 43.♖ee1 ♕a2 44.♖f1 ♕e2 45.♔h1 ♕c2 46.♖fe1 ♕f2 47.♖g1 ♕f3+ 48.♔h2 f4 49.gxf4 ♕xf4+ 50.♔h3 ♕f3+ 51.♔h2 ♕e2+ 52.♖g2 ♕e5+ 53.♔g1 ♕e3+ 54.♔h2 ♕e4 55.♖bb2 ♕xh4+-+

30.♖b2!+- ♘xh2+ 31.♔g1 d2 32.♔xh2

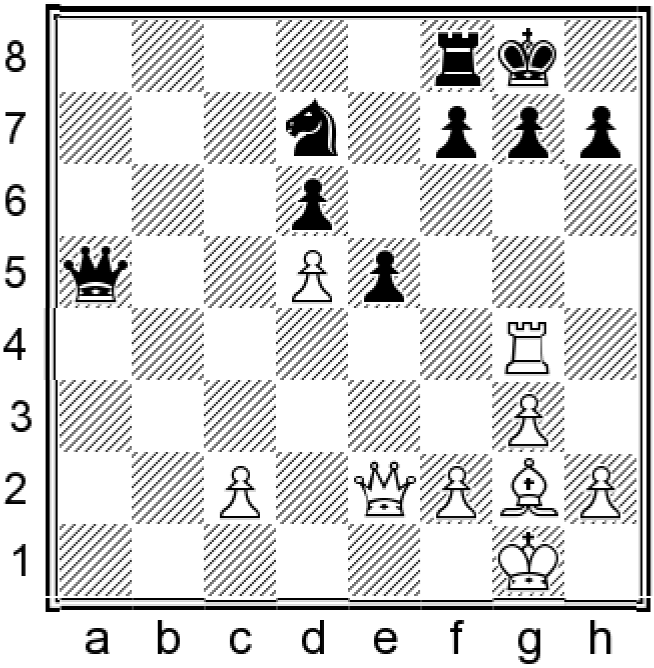
32.♖xc2 ♘f3+ 33.♔f2 (33.♗xf3 dxe1=Q+ 34.♕f1 ♕xf1+ 35.♔xf1 ♖xc2-+) 33...dxe1=Q+ 34.♔xf3 ♕d1+ 35.♖e2+-

32...dxe1=Q 33.♖xc2 1-0

83.* B91
Kryvoruchko, Yuriy (2701) - Sadzikowski, Daniel (2541)
Deutschland 130/83, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.g3 e5 7.♘de2 ♗e7 8.♗g2 O-O

8...b5 9.♘d5 ♘bd7 10.♘ec3 O-O 11.a4 bxa4 12.♖xa4 ♗b7 13.O-O ♘xd5 14.♘xd5 ♗xd5 15.exd5 ♗g5 16.♗xg5 ♕xg5 17.♕e2 ♘c5 18.♖g4N (18.♖a5 - 129/ (83)) 18...♕d8 19.b4 ♘d7 20.♖a1 a5 21.bxa5 ♖xa5 22.♖xa5 ♕xa5



23.♖xg7+! ♔xg7 24.♕g4+ ♔f6 (24...♔h8 25.♕xd7 ♕d8 26.♕f5 f6 27.♗e4=∞) 25.♕h4+ ♔g7 26.♕g4+ ♔f6 27.♕h4+ ♔g7 28.♕g4+ 1/2 (28) Zhang,Z (2637) -Papadopoulos,I (2631) Baku (ol) 130/(83) 2016

9.O-O b5 10.♘d5 ♘bd7 11.♘ec3 ♗b7 12.a4 ♘xd5 13.♘xd5 ♗xd5

13...bxa4 - 129/82

14.exd5 b4 15.♗d2 a5 16.c3 bxc3 17.♗xc3 ♕b6N

17...f5

18.♕c2 ♘c5 19.♖fb1 ♘b3 20.♖a3 ♘d4

⌓20...♖ab8 21.♗f1 ♖fc8 22.♗b5 ♘d4 23.♗xd4 ♕xd4 24.♖c3 ♖xc3 25.♕xc3 ♕xc3 26.bxc3 f5=

21.♗xd4 ♕xd4 22.♖c3 f5

22...♖fb8 23.♗f1 (23.♖c4 ♕a7 24.♖c7 ♖b7 25.♖c6 g6∞) 23...g6 24.♗b5 f5 25.♖c4 ♕b6∞

23.♖c4 ♕b6 24.b4 axb4 25.♖bxb4 ♕a5 26.♖b5

26.♖b7 ♖ae8 (26...♗d8 27.♖cb4 ♗g5 28.♕c6±) 27.♕c3 ♗d8 28.♖d7↑

26...♕e1+ 27.♗f1 e4⇄ 28.♔g2

28.♖c7 e3 29.♕e2 exf2+ 30.♕xf2 ♕e5= (30...♕xf2+ 31.♔xf2 ♗d8=)

28...♕a1 29.♖b7 ♗f6 30.♖bc7?!

30.♗e2 h6 31.♖b1 ♕e5=

30...♗d4

30...♖ab8 31.♕d2 ♗e5 32.♗e2 h6 33.♕d1 ♕a2∓

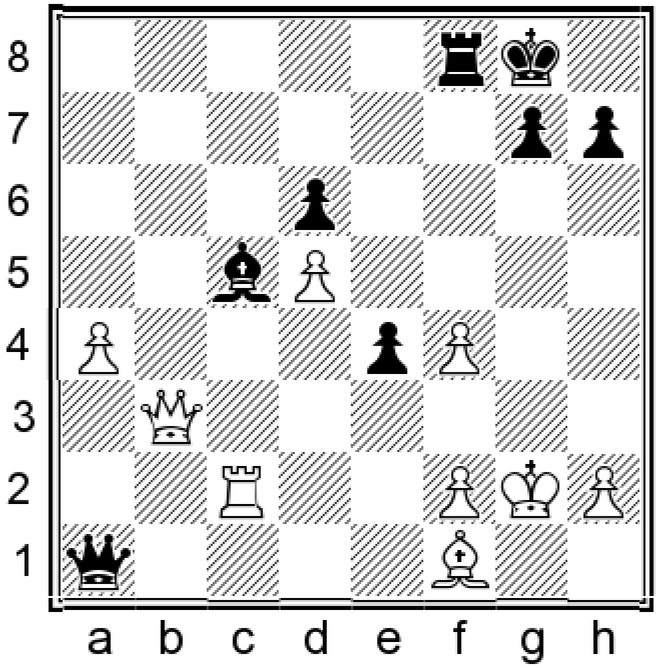
31.♖c8

31.♖b4 ♗c5 32.♖bb7 ♗d4 33.♖b4 ♗c5=

31...♗c5 32.♖xa8 ♖xa8 33.♕b3 ♖f8 34.♖c2

34.♖xc5 dxc5 35.d6+ ♔h8 36.d7

34...f4! 35.gxf4



35...♕d1?

35...♖xf4 36.♖xc5 (36.♕g3 ♖f6-+) 36...♖g4+! (36...dxc5? 37.d6+ ♔f8 38.d7 ♖g4+ 39.♔h3 ♕xf1+ 40.♔xg4 ♕g1+ 41.♔h3 ♕f1+=) 37.♔h3 h5! 38.♗g2 ♕g1-+

36.♗e2 ♕d4 37.♗g4 g6

37...♖xf4 38.♗e6+ ♔f8 39.♕b2 ♕xb2 40.♖xb2=

38.♗e6+ ♔h8 39.♕b2 ♕xb2 40.♖xb2= ♖xf4 41.a5 e3 42.fxe3 ♖a4 43.♖b8+ ♔g7 44.♖b7+ ♔f6 45.♖xh7 ♖xa5 46.♖f7+ ♔e5 47.♖f3 ♖a2+ 48.♔h3 ♖e2 49.♖g3 ♖xe3 50.♖xe3+ 1/2-1/2

84. B91**
Adams, Michael (2745) - Bok, Benjamin (2594)
Douglas 130/84, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.g3 e5 7.♘de2 ♗e7 8.♗g2 O-O 9.O-O b5 10.♘d5 ♘xd5

10...♗b7 - 129/83

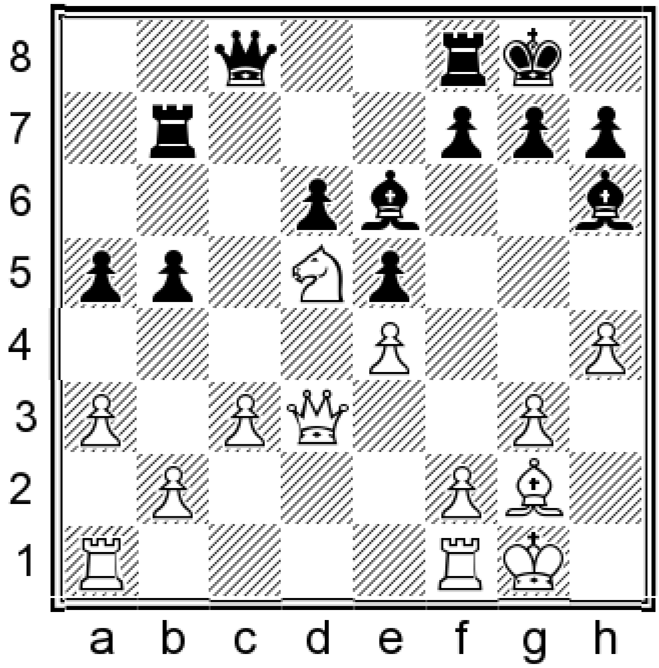
11.♕xd5 ♖a7 12.♗e3 ♖b7

12...♗e6

13.♕d3N

13.a4 - 130/(84) 13...b4 14.c3 a5 15.cxb4 ♖xb4 16.♘c3 ♗e6 17.♕d2 ♘c6 18.♘d5 ♗xd5 19.♕xd5 ♘d4 20.♗d2 (20.♗xd4?! ♖xd4 21.♕c6 ♕b8∓) 20...♖xb2 21.♗xa5 ♕d7 22.♖fd1 ♖c8 23.♗e1 h5 24.a5 ♖c5= 25.♕a8+ ♖c8 26.♕d5 ♖c5 27.♕a8+ ♖c8 28.♕d5 1/2 (28) Adams,M (2738)-Giri,A (2755) Baku (ol) 130/(84) 201613.♕d2N ♘d7 14.♘c3 ♘f6 1/2 (14) Alekseev,E (2638)-Kokarev,D (2634) Khanty-Mansiysk 130/(84) 2016

13...♘d7 14.♘c3 ♘f6 15.♗g5 ♗e6 16.♗xf6 ♗xf6 17.♘d5 ♗g5 18.h4 ♗h6 19.c3 a5 20.a3 ♕c8



21.b4! axb4

21...a4 22.♖a2 f5 23.exf5 (23.♖c2 f4 24.c4 bxc4 25.♖xc4±) 23...♗xf5 24.♗e4±

22.axb4 ♕c6 23.♖fd1 g6 24.♖a3 ♔g7 25.♕f3 f5 26.exf5 ♗xf5

26...gxf5?! 27.♘f4! d5□ 28.♘xe6+ ♕xe6 29.♖xd5+-

27.♕e2± ♕c4 28.♕xc4 bxc4 29.♖a6

29.♖da1 ♗c8 (29...♗d3 30.g4 g5 31.h5+-) 30.♗f1+-

29...♖bf7 30.♖da1 ♗c8 31.♖a7

31.♖xd6?! ♖xf2 32.♖c6 ♗b7 33.♖c7+ ♖2f7 34.♖xc4±

31...♗b7 32.b5 ♗d2 33.b6+- ♔h6 34.♖d1 ♖xf2 35.♖xb7 ♔h5 36.♘f4+

36.♖xh7+ ♔g4 37.♔h2+- ♖e2 38.♖xd2 ♖xd2 39.♘e3#

36...♖8xf4 37.gxf4 ♗e3 38.♔h1 exf4 39.♖f1 ♖b2 40.♖xh7+ ♔g4 41.b7 d5 42.♖g7 d4 43.♖xg6+ ♔xh4 44.♖f3 1-0

85. B92
Onischuk, Vladimir (2602) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2811)
Bastia (m/2-rapid) 130/85, 2016

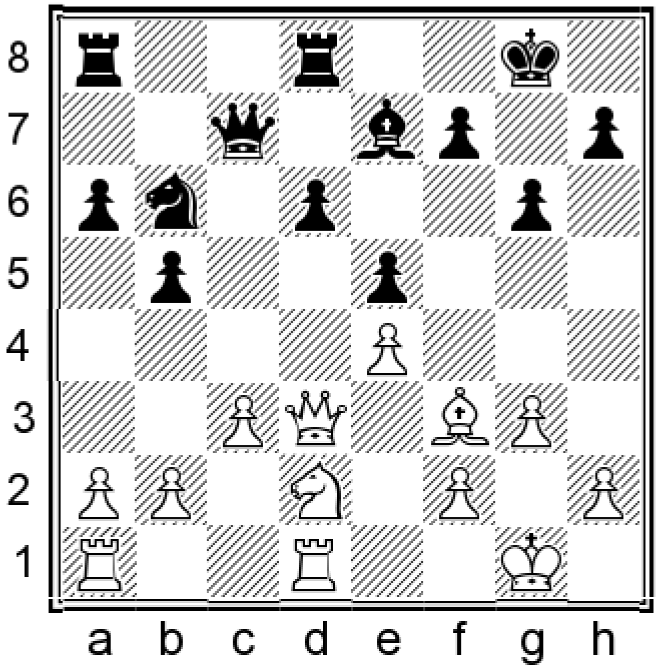
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2 e5 7.♘b3 ♗e7 8.♗g5 ♗e6 9.♗xf6 ♗xf6 10.♕d3 ♗e7 11.♘d5 ♘d7 12.♖d1 ♗xd5 13.♕xd5 ♕c7 14.c3

14.♘d2 - 127/86

14...♘f6 15.♕d3 O-O 16.♘d2N

16.O-O

16...♖fd8 17.♗f3 b5 18.O-O g6 19.♖a1 ♘d7 20.♖fd1 ♘b6 21.g3



21...d5! 22.exd5

22.♕e2 dxe4 (22...d4 23.cxd4 ♖xd4 24.♖ac1 ♕d6 25.♘b3 ♖xd1+ 26.♕xd1=) 23.♗xe4 (23.♕xe4 f5 24.♕c2 e4 25.♗e2 ♖ac8∓) 23...♖ab8 24.♘f1 ♗c5∞

22...f5 23.h4?!

23.♗g2 e4 24.♕e2 ♖xd5 25.♘b3 ♖ad8∓

23...e4 24.♘xe4 fxe4 25.♗xe4 ♘c4∓ 26.♗xg6

26.♖e1 ♗c5 27.♖e2 ♘d6 28.♗f3 ♕d7∓

26...♗c5! 27.d6

27.b4 ♗xf2+ 28.♔xf2 ♕b6+ 29.♔g2 ♕xg6-+

27...♖xd6-+ 28.♕f3 ♖f8

28...♗xf2+ 29.♔h1 (29.♕xf2 ♖xg6-+) (29.♔xf2 ♖f8 30.♗f5 ♕c5+-+) 29...♖f8-+

29.♗f5 ♔h8 30.b4 ♖df6 31.♖d5 ♘e5 32.♕e2 ♗xf2+! 33.♕xf2 ♖xf5 34.♕c5 ♕g7 0-1

86. B94
Urkedal, Frode Olav Olsen (2537) - Shankland, Samuel L (2679)
Baku (ol) 130/86, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 ♘bd7 7.♕e2 h6 8.♗h4 g6 9.O-O-O?!

9.f4 - 129/(90)

9...e5! 10.♘b3 ♗e7 11.♔b1 b5 12.a3 ♕c7 13.f3 ♔f8

13...♗b7 - 127/(91)

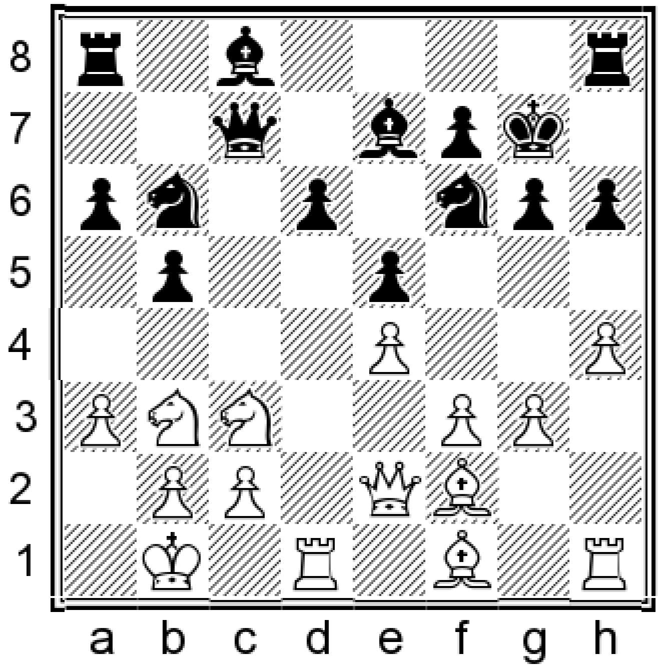
14.♗f2N

14.g4

14...♔g7 15.h4 ♘b6!

15...♗b7 16.g4 ♖ad8

16.g3?

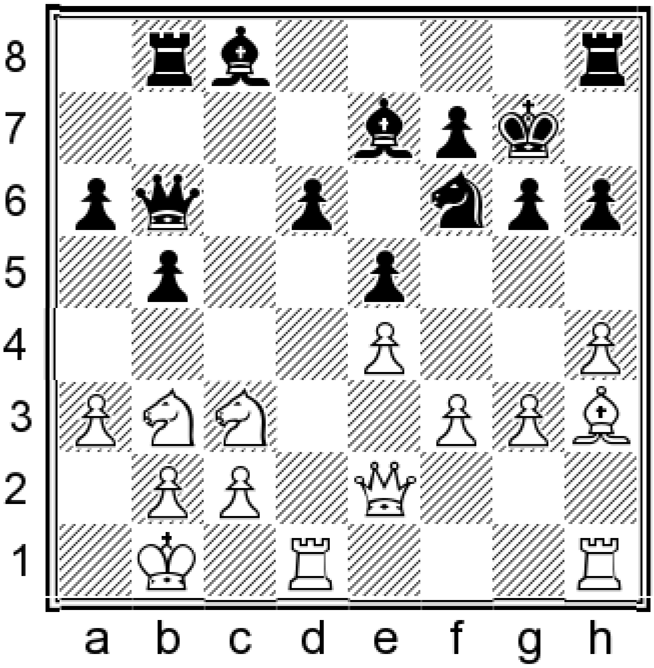


16.g4! ♘c4 (16...♗e6 17.♗h3 ♘a4 (17...♘fd7!?) 18.♗e1! (18.♘d5? ♗xd5 19.exd5 ♕c3!-+) (18.♘xa4? bxa4 19.♘d2 ♖ab8↑)) 17.♕d3! (17.♗e1 ♗e6 18.♗h3 ♘d7∓) 17...♗e6 18.♘d5 ♘xd5 19.exd5 ♗d7⇄

16...♖b8! 17.♗xb6

17.♗h3?! ♘c4 (17...♘a4!?) 18.♗e1 a5!∓

17...♕xb6 18.♗h3



18.♕e1 b4 19.axb4 ♕xb4 20.♘d5 ♘xd5 21.exd5 ♕b6∓

18...a5! 19.♗xc8 ♖hxc8 20.♘d5 ♘xd5 21.♖xd5 a4 22.♘c1 b4 23.axb4 ♕xb4-+ 24.♘d3 ♕c3 25.♔c1 ♕c4 26.♖h2 a3 27.bxa3 ♕a2 28.♔d1 ♖b1+ 29.♘c1 ♕xa3 30.♕d2 ♕xf3+ 31.♖e2 ♕xg3 0-1

87. B96
Kramnik, Vladimir (2808) - Gelfand, Boris (2743)
Moscow 130/87, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♘bd7 8.♕e2 ♕c7 9.O-O-O b5 10.a3 ♗b7 11.g4 ♖c8 12.♗xf6 gxf6 13.h4

13.f5 - 19/474

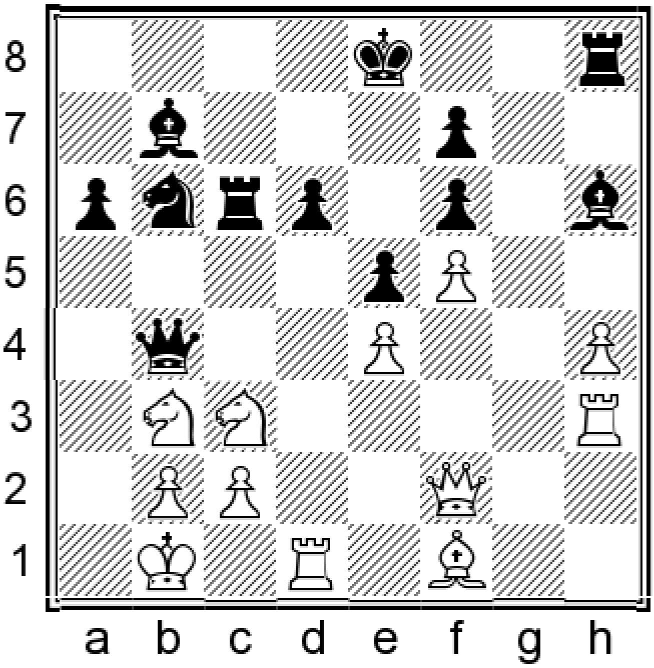
13...♕b6 14.♖h3 h5N

14...♘c5 15.f5 e5 16.♘d5±

15.f5 e5 16.♘b3 hxg4 17.♕xg4 b4 18.axb4 ♕xb4 19.♔b1 ♘b6 20.♕e2 ♗h6 21.♕f2

21.♖hd3 ♘c4 22.♕f2 ♖g8∞

21...♖c6?!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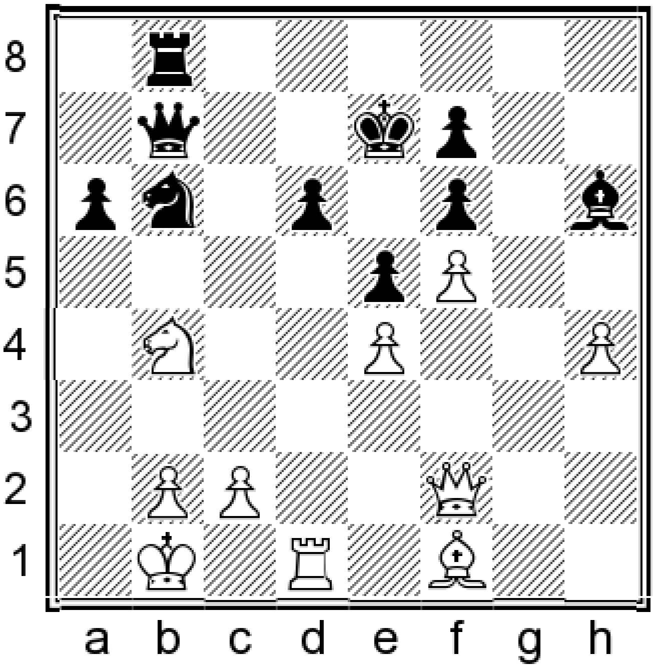
22.♘a2! ♕a4

22...♕xe4 23.♘a5+-

23.♖c3± ♔e7 24.♖xc6 ♕xc6 25.♘a5 ♕c7 26.♘xb7 ♕xb7 27.♘b4

27.♗xa6!? ♕xa6 28.♘b4 ♕b7 29.♕xb6 ♕xb6 30.♘d5+ ♔d8 31.♘xb6±

27...♖b8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28.♕xb6!?

28.♗xa6!? ♕xe4 29.♘d5+! ♔f8 (29...♘xd5 30.♕a7++-) (29...♔d8 30.♘xb6 ♗e3 31.♖xd6+ ♔c7 32.♖d7+ ♔c6 (32...♔xb6 33.♕e2+-) 33.♕e2 ♖xb6 34.♖d3! ♖xa6 35.♖c3+ ♔b6 36.♖b3+ ♔a7 37.♕xe3++-) 30.♘xf6 (30.♘xb6?! ♕c6 31.♗c4 ♖xb6⩲) 30...♕c6 31.♕g3±

28...♕xb6 29.♘d5+ ♔f8 30.♘xb6 ♖xb6 31.c3 ♗e3 32.♔c2 ♔g7 33.b4 ♔h6 34.♗c4 ♗f2 35.♖h1 ♖c6 36.♔b3 ♖b6 37.♔c2 ♖c6 38.♔d3 ♖c7 39.♗xa6+- ♔h5 40.♗c4 ♖a7 41.♗d5 ♔h6 42.h5 ♗b6 43.♔c4 ♗e3 44.♔b3 ♗b6 45.♖h2 ♗e3 46.♖e2 ♗b6 47.♖a2 ♖xa2 48.♔xa2 ♔xh5 49.♔b3 ♗f2 50.♔a4 ♔h6 51.♔b5 ♔g7 52.♔c6 ♔f8 53.b5 ♔e7 54.♔c7 1-0

88. B97
Zhigalko, Andrey (2584) - Areshchenko, Alexander (2675)
Bad Wiessee 130/88, 2016

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♕b6 8.♕d2 ♕xb2 9.♖b1 ♕a3 10.e5 h6 11.♗h4 dxe5 12.fxe5 g5 13.exf6 gxh4 14.♗e2 ♕a5 15.O-O ♘d7 16.♖bd1 h3 17.♕d3N

17.g3 - 126/(79)

17...♕e5

17...hxg2 18.♔xg2 ♘e5 (18...♖g8+ 19.♔h1 ♘c5 20.♕e3⯹) 19.♕e4 ♕c7 20.♘f3 ♘xf3 21.♖xf3⯹

18.♗f3

18.♕xh3 ♘xf6 (18...♗c5) 19.♕d3 ♗e7 20.♔h1 ♖g8⩱

18...♘c5

18...♗d6!? 19.g3 ♘xf6 20.♘a4 (20.♖fe1 ♕c5 21.♘a4 ♕a7 22.♔h1 O-O∞) (20.♘xe6 ♗xe6 21.♕xd6 ♕xd6 22.♖xd6 ♔e7 23.♖b6 ♖ab8⩱) 20...♗c5 21.♘xc5 ♕xc5 22.♕e3 ♕g5 23.♕a3 ♘d7 24.♖fe1 ♕c5∞

19.♕c4 ♗d6 20.g3 ♗d7 21.♘f5 ♗f8

21...♕xf5 22.♗xb7 (22.♖xd6 ♕e5 23.♖dd1 ♕e3+ 24.♔h1 ♖d8∞) 22...♕xf1+ 23.♖xf1 ♘xb7 24.♘e4 ♗b5! 25.♘xd6+ ♘xd6 26.♕c7 O-O 27.c4 ♘e4 28.cxb5 axb5 29.♕f4 ♘g5=

22.♘e7

22.♘g7+ ♔d8 (22...♗xg7? 23.fxg7 ♖g8 24.♖fe1 ♕xg7 25.♘d5+-) 23.♖fe1 ♕xf6 24.♗xb7 ♘xb7 25.♖xe6! fxe6 26.♘xe6+ ♔e8 27.♘c7+ (27.♘d5 ♕f3 28.♘dc7+ ♔e7 29.♕h4+ ♔f7 30.♖f1 ♕xf1+ 31.♔xf1 ♗xe6 32.♕e4 ♘c5 33.♕xa8 ♗g7 34.♕f3+ ♔e7 35.♘xe6 ♘xe6 36.♕b7+ ♔f6 37.♕xa6 ♖b8=) 27...♔d8 28.♘e6+=

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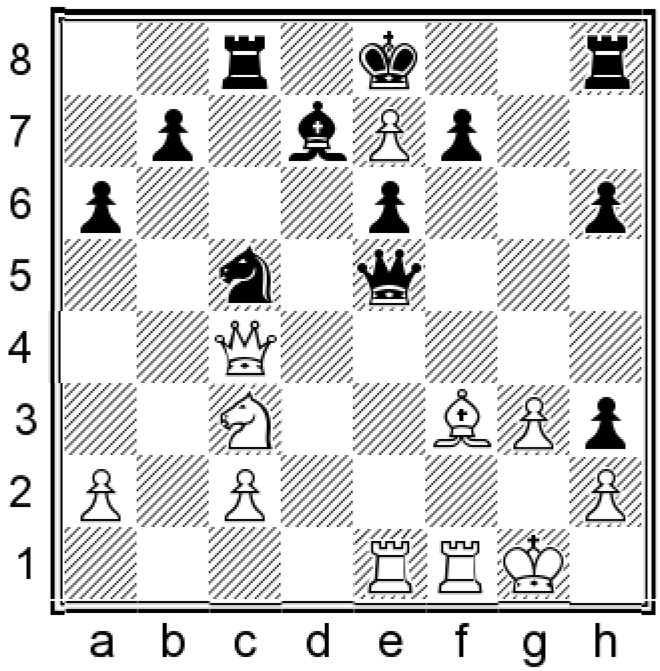

24.♖f2 h5 25.♖e2 ♕f6∓

24...♘e4!

24...♘d3! 25.♕xd3 ♕xc3 26.♗xb7 ♕xd3 (26...♗b5 27.♕d1 ♖g8! 28.♖f2 (28.♗xc8? ♖xg3+!-+) 28...♔xe7 29.a4 ♖cd8∓) 27.cxd3 ♖c2 28.♖f2 ♖xf2 29.♔xf2 a5 30.♖e5 a4∓

25.♕xe4

25.♖xe4 ♖xc4 26.♖xe5 ♖xc3 27.♗xb7 ♖xc2∓

25...♕xc3 26.♕xb7 ♔xe7 27.♖d1

27.♕xa6 ♕c4∓

27...♖hd8 28.♖f2 ♕c5

⌓28...f5 29.♕xa6 ♗c6 30.♕a7+ ♖d7 31.♖xd7+ ♗xd7 32.♗e2 ♖c5∓

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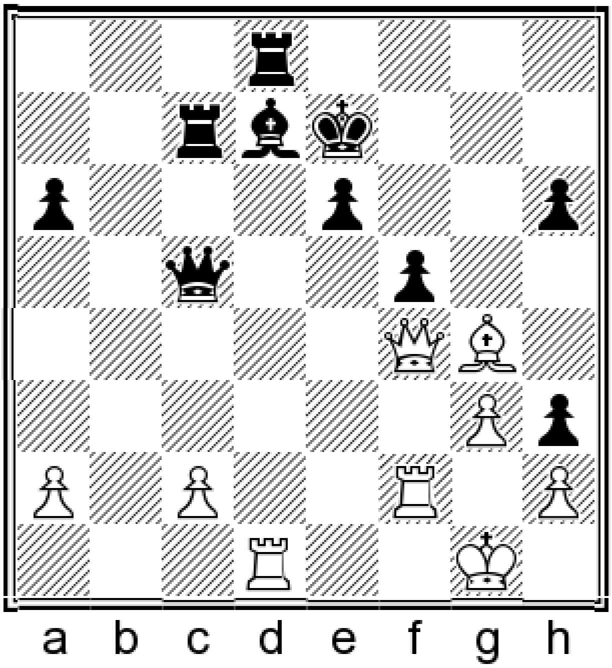


31.♗xh3 ♗c6 32.♕e2 ♖xd1+ 33.♕xd1 ♖d7∓

31...♗b5! 32.♖e1?

32.a4 ♗c4∓

32...♕c3-+ 33.♗xh3

33.♖xe6+ ♔xe6 34.♕xf5+ (34.♗xf5+ ♔f7 35.♗xh3+ ♔g7-+) 34...♔d6-+

33...♕xe1+ 34.♖f1 ♕c3 0-1

89. B97**
Radjabov, Teimour (2696) - Giri, Anish (2767)
Novi Sad 130/89, 2016

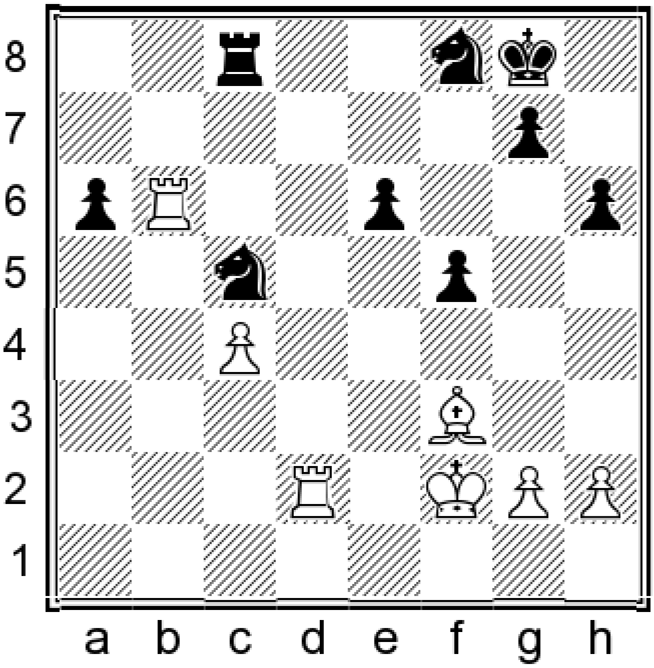
1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗g5 e6 7.f4 ♕b6 8.♕d2 ♕xb2 9.♖b1 ♕a3 10.e5 h6 11.♗h4 dxe5 12.fxe5 ♘fd7 13.♘e4 ♕xa2 14.♖d1 ♕d5 15.♕e3 ♕xe5 16.♗e2 ♗c5 17.♗g3 ♕d5 18.c4 ♗xd4 19.♖xd4 ♕a5+ 20.♖d2 O-O 21.♗d6 f5 22.♗xf8 ♘xf8 23.♘d6 ♘bd7 24.♗f3

24.♔f2N ♘c5 25.♖f1?! (25.♖hd1 ♗d7 26.♘xb7 ♘e4+! 27.♕xe4 ♕xd2 28.♖xd2 fxe4 29.♘c5 ♖a7∓) (25.♗f3 ♖b8 26.g4 fxg4 27.♗xg4 ♗d7 28.♖f1 ♗c6=∞) 25...♗d7 26.♔g1 ♗c6 27.g4 ♘e4 28.♘xe4 fxe4 29.♖d6 ♕e5 30.♖fd1 ♘g6∓ Wei,Y (2709)-Lu,S (2607) Shenzhen (rapid) 130/(89) 201624.g4 - 129/94

24...♖b8N

24...♕c5 - 130/ (89) 25.♔e2 ♖b8 26.♖b1 b6 27.♕xc5 ♘xc5 28.♘xc8 ♖xc8 29.♖xb6 Wei,Y (2700) -Liu,Y (2413) China 130/(89) 2016 (29.♖xb6 ♘fd7! 30.♖c6 (30.♖bd6 ♖c7=∞) 30...♖xc6 31.♗xc6 ♘e5 32.♖d8+ ♔f7 33.♗f3 ♔e7 34.♖g8 g5=∞)

25.♔f2 ♕c5 26.♖b1 b6 27.♕xc5 ♘xc5 28.♘xc8 ♖xc8 29.♖xb6



29...♘cd7!?

29...♘fd7 30.♖xe6 (30.♖bd6 ♖c7=∞) (30.♖c6 ♖xc6 31.♗xc6 ♘e5 32.♖d8+ ♔f7 33.♖c8 ♔e7=∞) 30...♘xe6 31.♖xd7 ♘c5 32.♗d5+ ♔h7 33.♖a7 ♔g6=29...♘g6 30.♖c6 ♖xc6 31.♗xc6 ♘e5 - 29...Nfd7

30.♖xa6

30.♖b7 ♘c5 31.♖a7 ♘g6=∞ 32.♖a8 ♖xa8 33.♗xa8 ♔f7=∞

30...♖xc4 31.♖a7 ♔f7 32.♖dxd7+ ♘xd7 33.♖xd7+ ♔f6 ♖ 8/g6 **34.h3 g6 35.g3**

35.♖d6

35...h5 36.h4 g5= 37.hxg5+ ♔xg5 38.♖g7+

38.♖h7 ♖c2+ 39.♗e2 ♔g6 40.♖h8 ♖a2=

38...♔f6 39.♖h7 f4 40.gxf4

40.♖h6+ ♔e7=

40...♖xf4 41.♖xh5 ♖f5 42.♖h6+ ♔e7 43.♔e3 ♖a5 44.♗g4 ♖a3+ 45.♔f4 ♖a4+ 46.♔g5 ♖e4 47.♖h7+ ♔d6 48.♖a7 ♖e1 49.♔g6 ♖e4 50.♔g5 ♖e1 51.♗h5 ♖g1+ 52.♗g4 1/2-1/2

C00-C49

90. C01
Carlsen, Magnus (2857) - Sadorra, Julio Catalino (2560)
Baku (ol) 130/90, 2016

1.e4 e6 2.♘f3 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.d4 ♗d6 5.c4 ♘f6 6.c5

6.♘c3 - 84/(217)

6...♗e7 7.♘c3 O-O 8.♗e3 b6 9.b4

9.♗e2!?

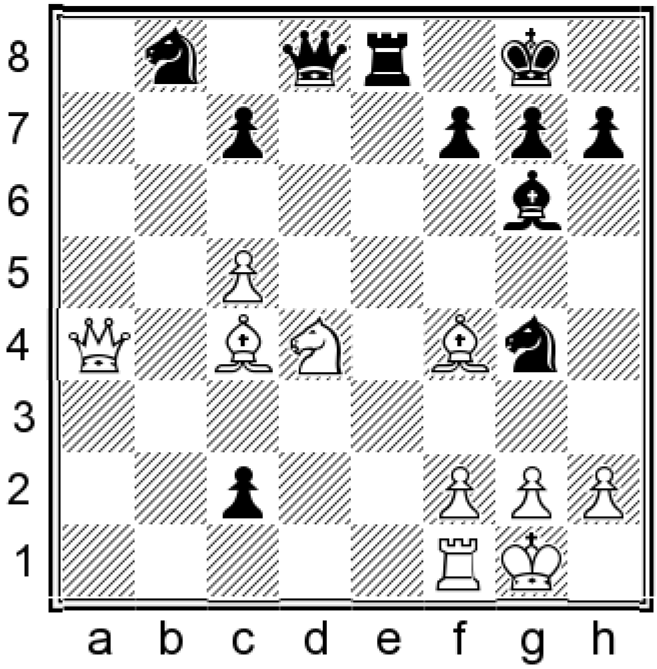
9...a5 10.a3 ♘g4

10...♘e4

11.♗f4 ♖e8N

11...axb4

12.♗e2 axb4 13.axb4 ♖xa1 14.♕xa1 bxc5 15.bxc5 ♗xc5 16.dxc5 d4 17.O-O dxc3 18.♗c4 c2 19.♕a4 ♗f5 20.♘d4 ♗g6?



20...♗e4 21.♘xc2 ♘e5 22.♗b3 ♗c6 23.♕d4 ♕f6∞ Δ ♘a6

21.♘xc2?

21.♗xc7! ♕c8 (21...♕d7 22.♕xd7 ♘xd7 23.♗b5 ♘gf6 24.c6 ♘c5 25.♗b6+-) 22.♗d6 ♖d8 (22...♘f6 23.c6+-) 23.♖c1+-

21...♖e4 22.♗g3

22.♖e1 ♖xe1+ 23.♘xe1 ♘d7=

22...♘e5 23.♗xe5 ♖xe5 24.♘e3 ♖xc5 25.f4

25.♖d1 ♕f8 26.♕a7 ♘c6 27.♕xc7=

25...h6 26.♕b4?!

26.f5 ♗h5 (26...♗h7? 27.♖d1 ♕e7 28.♘d5 ♕e5 29.♕a8 ♗xf5 30.♕xb8+ ♔h7 31.♕b4±) 27.g4 ♗xg4 (27...♘d7!? 28.♖f4 ♖e5 29.♘f1 ♗xg4 30.♖xg4 ♘b6 31.♕c6 ♘xc4 32.♕xc4 ♖xf5=) 28.♕b4 ♘d7 29.♘xg4 ♕g5 30.♗e2 ♖xf5= (30...h5 31.♕d4±)26.g4!? ♕e7 (26...♘c6 27.f5 ♗h7 28.♗d5 ♘e5 29.♖d1 ♕f8∞) 27.♕b3 ♘c6 28.f5 ♗h7 29.♖a1 ♘a5 30.♖xa5 ♖xa5 31.♕b8+ ♕f8 32.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 33.♕b3+ ♔e8 34.♕b8+ ♔f7=

26...♘d7 27.f5 ♗h5 28.♕d2?

28.g4 ♖e5 (28...♗xg4 - 26.f5) 29.♖f3 ♕g5 30.♕c3 ♗xg4 31.♖g3 h5 32.h3 ♕f4 33.♘g2 ♕xf5 34.hxg4 hxg4 35.♗d3=28.f6 ♕b8 (28...gxf6 29.♘d5 ♕f8 30.♖f5 ♕d6 31.♖xh5 ♖xd5 32.♕xd6 ♖xd6 33.♖xh6 ♘e5∓)

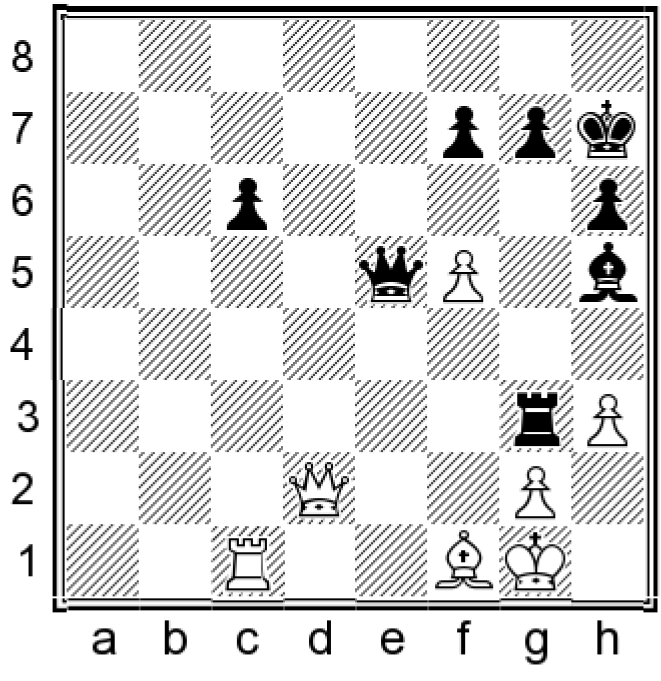
28...♕g5 29.♕d4 ♖e5 30.♕xd7

30.♘d5 ♗e2 31.♗xe2 ♖xe2 32.♘f4 ♖e7∓

30...♕xe3+ 31.♔h1 ♕c5 32.♕d3 ♖e3 33.♕c2 ♕e5 34.♕d2 ♔h7 35.h3 ♕e4 36.♔g1 c6 37.♖c1 ♕e5?

37...f6∓ Δ ♗e8

38.♗f1 ♖g3



39.♕f2!=

39.♖xc6? ♕xf5∓

39...♕d6 40.♖c4

40.♖xc6=

40...f6 41.♖xc6 ♕xc6 1/2-1/2

91. C06**
Demchenko, Anton (2629) - Pourramezanali, Amirreza (2522)
Mersin 130/91, 2016

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♗e7 4.♘gf3 ♘f6 5.e5 ♘fd7 6.♗d3 c5 7.c3 ♘c6 8.O-O a5 9.a4 cxd4 10.cxd4 ♘b4

10...♘db8 - 117/85

11.♗e2

11.♗b5 b6 12.♘b1 ♗a6 13.♘c3 ♖c8 14.♗d2 ♗xb5 15.♘xb5 O-O 16.♗xb4N (16.♕b3) 16...♗xb4 17.♕d3 f6 18.exf6 ♘xf6 19.♖ac1 ♘e4 20.♕e3 ♕d7 21.♘e5 ♕b7 22.♖xc8 ♖xc8 23.♕e2 ♕e7 24.g3± Bok,B (2592)-Maatman,N (2325) Nederland 130/(91) 2016

11...O-O 12.♘b1 ♘b6 13.♘c3 ♗d7 14.b3N

14.♗f4 - 130/(91) 14...♘c8N (14...♖c8) 15.♘d2 ♘a7 16.♘db1 ♖c8 17.♘a3 ♕b6 18.♕d2 f6 19.exf6 ♗xf6 20.♖ad1 ♗e8 21.♘ab5 (21.♖fe1 ♗g6 22.♗g4 ♖c6∞) 21...♘xb5 22.axb5?! (22.♘xb5 ♗xb5 23.♗xb5 ♖c2 24.♕e3 ♖xb2 25.♕c3 ♖c2 26.♕e3∞) 22...♗g6 23.♘a4 ♕xd4 24.♕xd4 ♗xd4 25.♗d6 e5 26.♗xf8 ♔xf8∓ Oral,T (2506)-Miesbauer,J (2189) Cesko 130/(91) 2016

14...♖c8 15.♗d2 f6

15...f5 16.exf6 gxf6 (16...♗xf6 17.♖c1 ♗e8 - 15...f6) 17.♖e1 ♖f7 18.♗f1 ♗d6 19.♖c1±

16.♖c1

16.exf6 - 15...f5

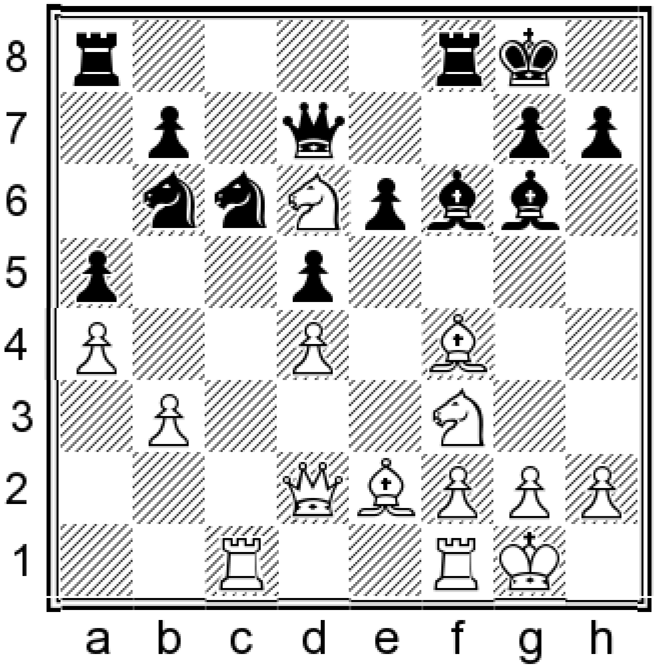
16...♗e8 17.exf6 ♗xf6

17...♖xf6 18.♘e5 ♘d7 (18...♘c6 19.♗g4±) 19.♗g4 ♘xe5 20.dxe5 ♖g6 21.♘b5± (21.♗h5?! ♘d3 22.♗xg6 ♗xg6 23.♖a1 ♗c5 24.♕g4 ♗f5 25.♕e2 ♗b6∓)

18.♗f4 ♗g6 19.♕d2± ♘c6 20.♘b5 ♕d7?!

20...♗e7 21.♕e3 ♗f5 22.♘e5±

21.♘d6 ♖a8



22.♗b5!± ♗e8 23.♖fe1 ♘c8 24.♗xc6 bxc6 25.♘xe8 ♖xe8 26.♘e5 ♗xe5 27.♗xe5 ♘e7 28.♖c5 ♕b7 29.♖e3 ♘g6 30.♗g3 ♕b6 31.♕c3 ♖a6 32.♕e1 ♖aa8 33.h4

33.♖xe6 ♔f7 34.♖e2 ♕xb3 35.♖xc6 ♕xa4 36.♖c7+ ♔g8 37.h4±

33...♘f8 34.♗d6 ♖a7 35.♖ec3 ♖d7 36.♗e5+- ♖c8 37.♖g3 ♕d8 38.h5 ♖f7 39.♖xa5 ♕h4 40.♕e2 ♖e8 41.♖c5 ♘d7 42.♖xc6 ♖ef8 43.♖g4 ♕e7 44.♗d6 1-0

92.* C07
Adams, Michael (2745) - Kindermann, Stefan (2509)
Deutschland 130/92, 2016

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 c5 4.♘gf3 cxd4 5.♘xd4 ♘f6 6.exd5 a6

6...♕xd5 - 128/89

7.♗c4 exd5

7...b5N 8.♗b3 ♗b7?! (8...♘xd5 9.O-O ♗e7 10.♘2f3 O-O 11.♕e2 ♗b7 12.a4 b4 13.♖d1±) 9.c4 (9.dxe6! ♕xd4 10.exf7+ ♔d8 11.O-O ♘bd7 12.a4±) 9...♕b6 10.♘2f3 ♗b4+ 11.♗d2 ♗c5? (11...bxc4 12.♗a4+ ♘bd7 13.dxe6 fxe6 14.O-O ♗xd2 15.♕xd2 O-O 16.♖ad1±) 12.dxe6 O-O 13.♗e3± Antal,G (2535)-Borgo, G (2365) Bratto 130/(92) 2016

8.♗b3 ♗c5N

8...♕e7+

9.♕e2+ ♗e7

9...♕e7 10.♕xe7+ ♗xe7 (10...♔xe7 11.♘2f3 ♖e8 12.O-O±) 11.O-O ♘c6 12.♘2f3 O-O 13.♖e1 ♗c5 14.c3±

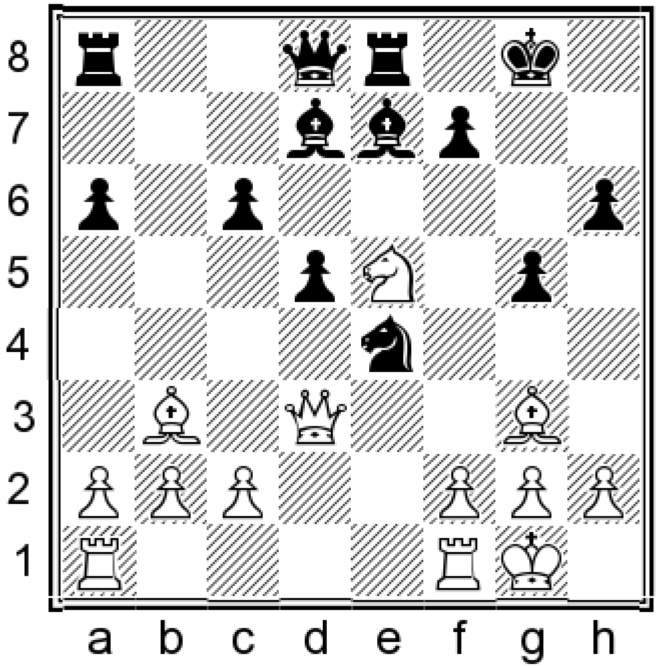
10.♘2f3 O-O 11.O-O ♘c6 12.♗g5 h6 13.♗h4 ♖e8 14.♕d3 g5

14...♘e4 15.♗xe7 ♖xe7 16.c3 ♗g4 17.♖ae1±

15.♗g3 ♘e4?!

15...♘a5 16.♖fe1 ♘xb3 17.axb3 ♘e4 18.♘d2 ♗f6 19.c3±

16.♘xc6 bxc6 17.♘e5 ♗d7?



17...♗c5 18.♘xc6 ♕f6 19.♗xd5 ♘xg3 20.♕xg3±

18.♘xf7! ♔xf7 19.♕xe4 ♔g7 20.♕d3 ♗f6 21.c3 ♕e7 22.♗c2+- ♔g8 23.♖ae1 ♕g7

23...♕xe1? 24.♕h7+ ♔f8 25.♗d6++-

24.♖xe8+ ♗xe8 25.♖e1 ♗f7 26.h3 c5 27.♕f5 d4 28.♕xc5 dxc3 29.bxc3 ♗xa2

29...♗xc3 30.♖e7 ♗d4 31.♕f5+-

30.♕c6 ♖d8 31.c4 ♖a8 1-0

93.* C07**
Adams, Michael (2745) - Gupta, Abhijeet (2626)
Douglas 130/93, 2016

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 c5 4.exd5 ♕xd5 5.dxc5 ♗xc5

5...♘f6 6.♘gf3 ♕xc5 7.♗d3 ♘bd7 (7...♗e7 -125/82) 8.O-O ♕c7 9.b3 (9.♘d4 a6 10.♖e1 ♘c5N (10...♘e5) 11.♗f1 ♗e7 12.♕f3 O-O 13.♘c4 ♘d5 14.♘e3 ♘f6 15.♘c4 ♘d5 16.♘e3 ♘xe3 17.♗xe3 ♗d6 18.♕h5 b6 19.b4 ♘e4 20.♗d3 f5 21.♗xe4 fxe4∞ Pap,M (2493)-Sedlak,N (2537) Srbija 130/(93) 2016) 9...♘c5 (9...♗b4N 10.♗b2 ♗c3 11.♗xc3 ♕xc3 12.♘c4 O-O 13.♖e1 ♕b4 14.♘d4 ♕c5 15.♕d2 b6 16.b4 ♕d5= Todorovic,G (2458)-Cabarkapa,N (2418) Srbija 130/(93) 2016) 10.♗b5+ ♗d7 11.♗xd7+ ♘cxd7 12.♗b2 ♗e7N 13.c4 O-O 14.♕e2 ♖fd8= Vaseptsov,M (2274) - Popov,M (2350) Nizhny Tagil 130/(93) 2016

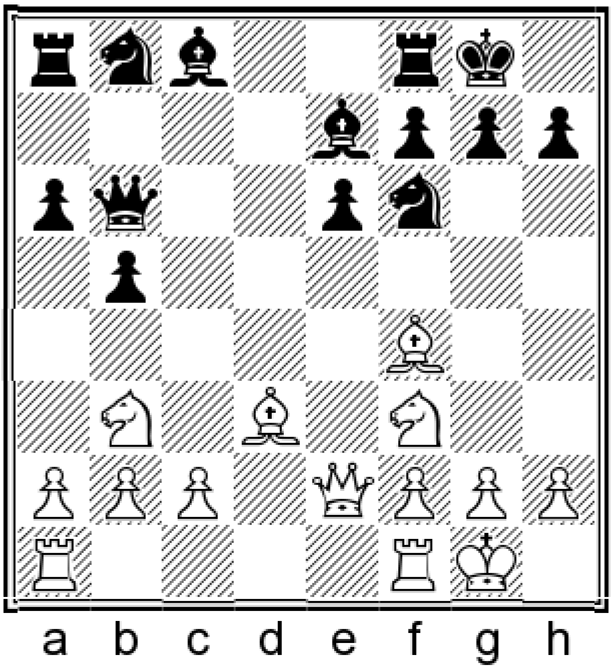
6.♘gf3 ♘f6 7.♗c4 ♕c6 8.♕e2 O-O 9.♘b3

9.O-O - 4/213

9...♗e7N

9...♗d6

10.♗f4 a6 11.O-O b5 12.♗d3 ♕b6



12...♘bd7 13.a4 bxa4 (13...b4?! 14.♘fd4 ♕d5 15.♗c4 ♕e4 16.♕xe4 ♘xe4 17.♖fe1 ♘df6 18.♘c6±) 14.♘fd4 ♕b6 15.♖xa4±

13.a4! ♘d5

13...b4 14.a5 ♕b7 15.♘e5 ♘d5 16.♗g3 ♘c6 17.♖ad1±

14.♗g3 b4 15.a5 ♕d8

15...♕b7 16.♖fe1 ♘c6 17.♖ad1 ♗d7 18.♘fd2⩲

16.♘e5±

16.♘bd4!? ♗d6 (16...♗b7?! 17.♘xe6! fxe6 18.♕xe6+ ♔h8 19.♕e4 g6 20.♗c4±) 17.♕e4 g6 18.♗c4 ♖a7 19.♘e5↑

16...♗b7 17.♖fd1 ♘d7 18.♘c4 ♕c8 19.♗d6

19.♘d6 ♗xd6 20.♗xd6 ♖e8 21.f3 ♕c6 (21...e5?! 22.♕d2±) 22.♗g3±

19...♗xd6 20.♘xd6 ♕c7 21.♘xb7 ♕xb7 22.g3 ♖fc8 23.♗c4 ♘5f6 24.♖d4 ♘c5?!

24...♖c6 25.♖ad1 h6 (25...♖ac8 26.♘d2 e5 27.♖xd7! ♘xd7 (27...♕xd7 28.♗xa6±) 28.♗d5 ♕c7 29.♗xc6 ♕xc6 30.♘e4±) 26.♖d6 ♕c7 27.♖xc6 ♕xc6 28.♖d4±

25.♖d6

25.♘xc5! ♖xc5 26.♗xa6! ♕b8 27.♖a4±

25...♕e7 26.♖ad1

26.♖b6 g6 27.♖xb4 ♘d3 28.♖b6 ♖xc4 29.♕xd3±

26...♘xb3 27.cxb3±

27.♗xb3 ♖c5 28.♕d2±

27...♖c5 28.♕f3 ♘d5 29.♗xd5

29.♖xa6? ♖xa6 30.♗xa6 ♖xa5 31.♗c4 ♕d6=

29...exd5 30.♖1xd5 ♖c1+ 31.♔g2+- ♖f8 32.♖d1 h6 33.♖xc1 ♕xd6 34.♖c6 1-0

94. C07
Durarbayli, Vasif (2612) - Atabayev, Yusup (2453)
Baku (ol) 130/94, 2016

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 c5 4.exd5 ♕xd5 5.♘gf3 cxd4 6.♗c4 ♕d7 7.O-O ♘c6 8.♘b3 ♘f6 9.♘bxd4 ♗c5 10.♘xc6 ♕xc6 11.♘e5 ♕b6 12.b3

12.♗g5 - 112/(156)

12...O-O

12...♗d4?! 13.♗b5+! ♕xb5 (13...♔f8 14.♘c4 ♕xb5 15.♕xd4 ♗d7 16.♘e5±) 14.♕xd4 O-O 15.♗a3 ♖e8 16.♖fd1±

13.♗b2 ♕c7 14.♖e1N

14.♘g4

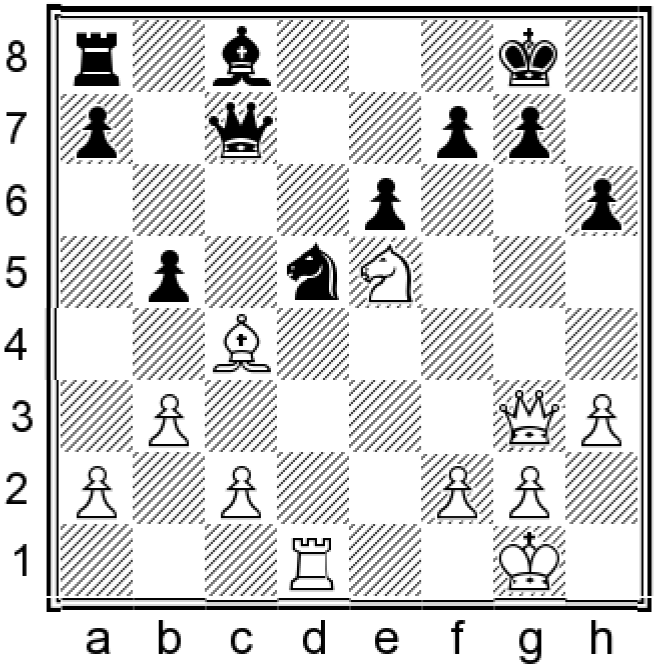
14...♖d8?!

14...b6 15.♘g4 (15.♕f3 ♗b7 16.♕h3 (16.♕f4 ♖ad8∞) 16...♘e4 17.♘d3 ♗e7 18.♕g4 ♘f6=) 15...♕f4 (15...♘e8 16.♘h6+ ♔h8 17.♕h5 f6 18.♘g4 ♕f4 19.g3 ♕f3 20.♗e2 ♕f5 21.♕xf5 exf5 22.♗f3 ♖b8 23.♘e3±) 16.♗xf6 gxf6 17.g3 ♕d4 18.♕xd4 ♗xd4 19.♖ad1 ♗b2 20.♖b1 h5 21.♘h6+ ♔h7 22.♖xb2 ♔xh6 23.♖d1±

15.♕f3 ♗d4 16.♗xd4 ♖xd4 17.♖ad1 ♖xd1 18.♖xd1± h6 19.♕g3

19.♕f4! ♘d5 (19...♗d7? 20.♖xd7!+-) (19...a6 20.♕d4±) 20.♗xd5 exd5 21.♘g6! ♕xf4 (21...♕d7 22.♖xd5!) 22.♘xf4±

19...♘d5 20.h3 b5



20...♗d7 21.♘xd7 ♕xd7 22.♕f3 ♖d8 (22...♖e8) 23.♗f1±20...♖b8 21.♘f3! ♕xg3 22.fxg3±

21.♖xd5! bxc4

21...exd5 22.♗xd5 ♖b8 23.♗xf7+ ♔f8 24.♘g6++-

22.♘xc4 ♕e7

22...♕xg3 23.♖d8+ ♔h7 24.fxg3 ♗b7 25.♖xa8 ♗xa8 26.♘d6 ♔g6 27.c4+-

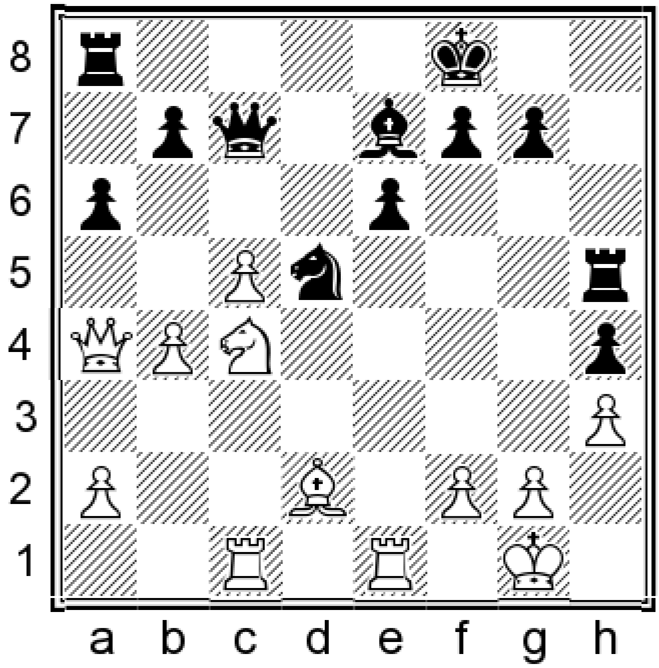
23.♖d1

23.♕d6+-

23...♗b7 24.♘d6 ♖d8 25.c4 ♕c7 26.b4+- a6 27.♖d4 ♖d7 28.a4 ♕c6 29.♘e8 ♔f8 30.b5 axb5 31.axb5 ♕c8 32.♘d6 ♕c5 33.♘f5! ♖xd4 34.♕xg7+ ♔e8 35.♕h8+ 1-0

95. !N C10
Naiditsch, Arkadij (2696) - Jianu, Vlad Cristian (2554)
Baku (ol) 130/95, 2016

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♗g5 dxe4 5.♘xe4 ♘bd7 6.♘f3 h6 7.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 8.♗e3 ♘d5 9.♗d2 c5 10.♗b5+ ♗d7 11.♗xd7+ ♕xd7 12.c4 ♘b6 13.♖c1 ♗e7 14.dxc5 ♗xc5 15.b4 ♗e7 16.c5 ♘d5 17.♘e5 ♕c7 18.♕a4+ ♔f8 19.♘c4 h5 20.O-O h4 21.h3 ♖h5 22.♖fe1 a6



23.♕a5!N

23.♕d1 - 107/(82)

23...♕c6

23...♖d8 24.♕xc7 ♘xc7 25.a4 ♘d5 26.♘a5 ♖d7 27.c6 bxc6 28.♘xc6±

24.♘e5 ♕b5 25.♕a3 ♔g8 26.♕b3 ♖c8 27.♖c4±

27.a4 ♕e8 28.♖c4 ♖c7 29.♕c2 ♕c8 30.♘f3 ♗f6 31.♖c1±

27...♕e8 28.♕d1 ♖f5 29.♘f3 a5

29...♕d8 30.♕c2 ♗f6 31.a4±

30.a3

30.♘d4 ♖f6 31.bxa5 ♖xc5 32.♕c2 ♖xc4 33.♕xc4 ♕d7 34.♖c1±

30...axb4 31.axb4 b6 32.♕c2

32.♘d4 ♖f6 33.♕c1 bxc5 34.bxc5±

32...bxc5 33.bxc5 ♖h5 34.♖b1 ♗f6 35.c6± ♘e7

35...♘c7 36.♖b7 ♖d5 37.♗f4 ♘b5 38.♕b3 ♖xc6 39.♖b8 ♗d8 40.♖xd8 ♖xd8 41.♕xb5 ♖xc4 42.♕xc4±

36.c7 ♖b5 37.♖c1 ♘d5 38.♗g5 ♘b6

38...♖b4 39.♖xb4 ♘xb4 40.♕e4 ♘d5 41.♗xf6 gxf6 42.♕g4+ ♔f8 43.♕xh4±

39.♖g4 ♗xg5 40.♘xg5 f5 41.♖d4+-

41.♖xh4 ♘d5 42.♖c4 ♕e7 43.♕a4+-

41...♕e7 42.f4

42.♕c6! ♕xg5 43.♖cd1+-

42...♖d5 43.♕f2 ♕a3 44.♖dd1 ♘d7 45.♕e1 ♘f8 46.♘xe6 ♖xd1 47.♖xd1 ♕e7 48.♖d8 1-0

96. C11
Cubas, Jose Fernando (2470) - Cruz, Cristhian (2519)
Baku (ol) 130/96, 2016

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.♘f3 c5 6.dxc5 ♗xc5 7.♗d3 ♘c6 8.♕e2

8.♗f4 - 95/(204)

8...♘d4

8...h6

9.♘xd4 ♗xd4 10.♗f4 a6 11.O-O b5 12.♖ad1N

12.♖ae1

12...♕b6 13.♔h1 ♗b7 14.♘b1! ♖c8

14...♗xb2 15.c3 ♗a1 16.♗e3=∞

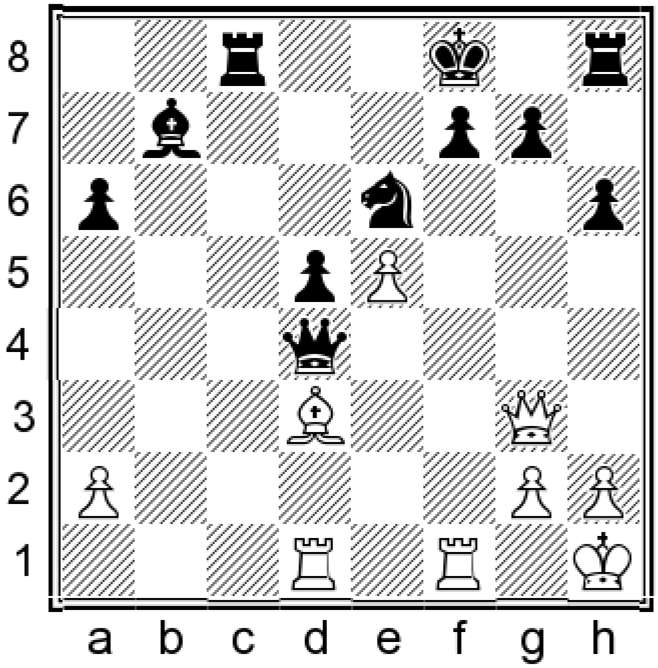
15.c3 ♗c5 16.♘d2 ♗e7 17.♘f3

17.♘b3!?

17...♘c5 18.♗g5 b4 19.♗xe7 ♔xe7 20.♕e3 h6 21.♘d4 bxc3 22.bxc3 ♕a5 23.♕g3

23.f4 ♕xc3 24.f5±

23...♔f8 24.f4 ♕xc3 25.f5 ♕xd4 26.fxe6 ♘xe6



27.♗f5

27.♗g6! ♕xd1 28.♕a3+ ♘c5 29.♖xd1 fxg6 30.♖c1±

27...♕b6 28.♖b1 ♕c6 29.♗xe6 ♕xe6 30.♖xb7 ♔g8 31.h3 ♖f8 32.♖f6 ♕c8 33.♖a7 ♕c1+ 34.♔h2 ♕g5 35.♖fxa6 ♖e8 36.♖a8 ♔h7 37.♕d3+ g6 38.♕xd5? ♕f4+ 39.♔h1??

39.♔g1 ♖b8 (39...♖xe5?! 40.♖xh8+ ♔xh8 41.♕d1 ♕g3 42.♕d4 ♔h7 43.♖f6=) 40.♖xb8 ♖xb8 41.♕d1

39...♖xe5-+ 40.♖xh8+ ♔xh8 41.♕d1 ♕g3 0-1

97. C11
Brkic, Ante (2584) - Kalezic, Blazo (2457)
Baku (ol) 130/97, 2016

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♗e7 7.♗e3 b6 8.♕d2 O-O 9.♘d1 a5 10.♘c3!?

10.c3 - 128/95

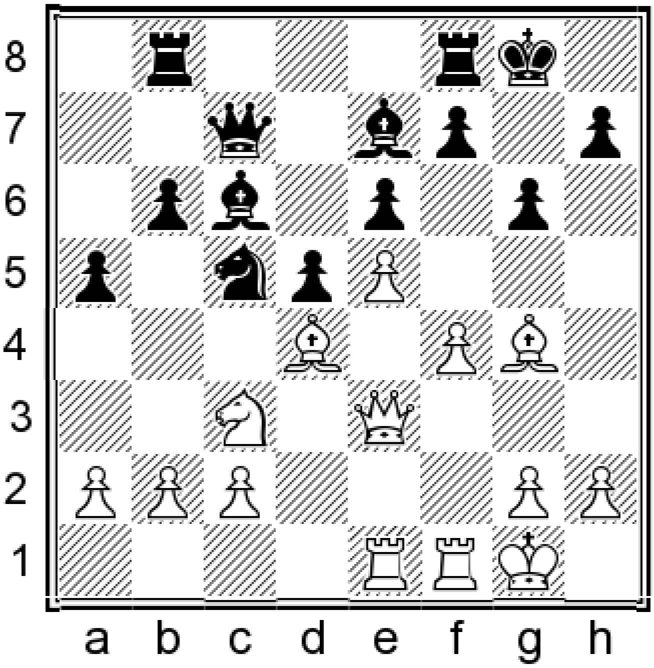
10...♘c6N

10...a4

11.♗b5 cxd4

11...♘a7 12.♗e2 ♗b7 13.O-O c4 14.a4±

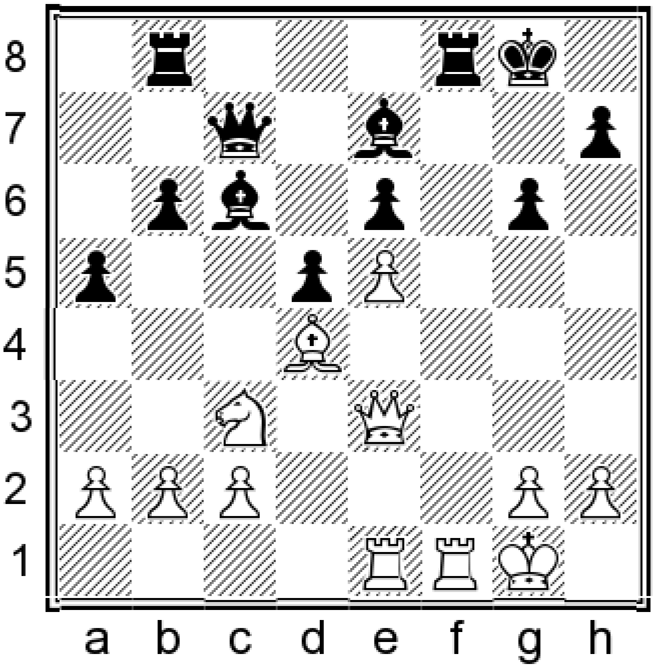
12.♘xd4 ♘xd4 13.♗xd4 ♘c5 14.O-O ♗d7 15.♗e2 ♗c6 16.♕e3 ♖b8 17.♖ae1 ♕c7 18.♗g4 g6



19.f5! exf5 20.♗xf5 ♘e6

20...gxf5?? 21.♕g3+ ♔h8 22.e6++-

21.♗xe6 fxe6



22.♖f6! ♗xf6 23.exf6 ♖be8 24.♗e5 ♕d8 25.♕g5± ♖f7 26.h4

26.♘e2 ♖ef8 27.♘f4 ♖xf6 28.♗xf6 ♕xf6 29.♕xf6 ♖xf6 30.♘xe6 ♗d7 31.♘d4±

26...♔h8?!

26...♖ef8 27.♖f1 ♔h8 28.♖f3 (28.♘e2 ♗b5 29.♘f4 ♗xf1 30.h5 ♖g8 31.hxg6 ♖xg6 32.♘xg6+ hxg6 33.♕h6+ ♔g8 34.♕xg6+ ♔f8 35.♔xf1 d4=) 28...d4 29.♖d3 ♕c8 30.♖xd4↑

27.♘e2!± d4

27...♖g8 28.♘f4±

28.♘xd4

28.♘f4!? ♖g8 29.♘xe6 ♕d5 30.♘xd4±

28...♕d7 29.♖e3

29.c4 b5 30.♖c1 b4 31.b3±

29...b5 30.♔h2

30.♖c3! ♖c8 31.h5±

30...b4 31.c4 bxc3 32.bxc3

32.♖xc3 ♖c8 33.h5 ♗e4 34.♖xc8+ ♕xc8 35.hxg6 ♗xg6 36.♘b5±

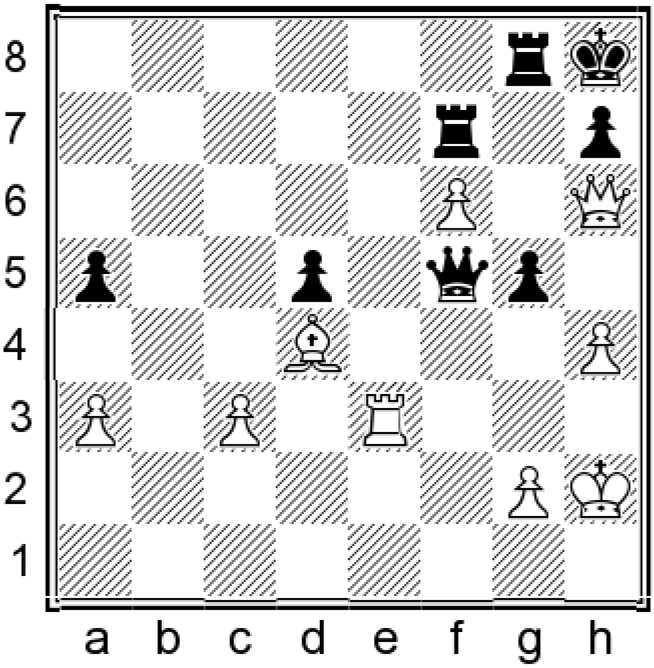
32...♗d5 33.a3 ♖g8 34.♘e2 ♕a4 35.♘f4 ♕c2 36.♗d4

36.♘xd5 exd5 37.♗d4 ♕f5 38.♕h6 (38.♕xf5 gxf5 39.♖e7 ♖gf8 40.♖d7!+-) 38...♕c8 39.♖e7 ♖gf8 40.h5 ♕g4 41.hxg6 ♕xg6 42.♕xf8+! ♖xf8 43.f7++-

36...♕f5 37.♕h6

37.♕xf5 gxf5 38.♘xd5 exd5 - 36.Nd5

37...g5 38.♘xd5 exd5?



38...♕xd5 39.♖e5 ♕d6 40.hxg5+-

39.♕g7+!! ♖gxg7 40.fxg7+ ♔g8 41.♖e8+ 1-0

98. !N C11
Saric, Ivan (2641) - Fridman, Daniel (2596)

Novi Sad 130/98, 2016

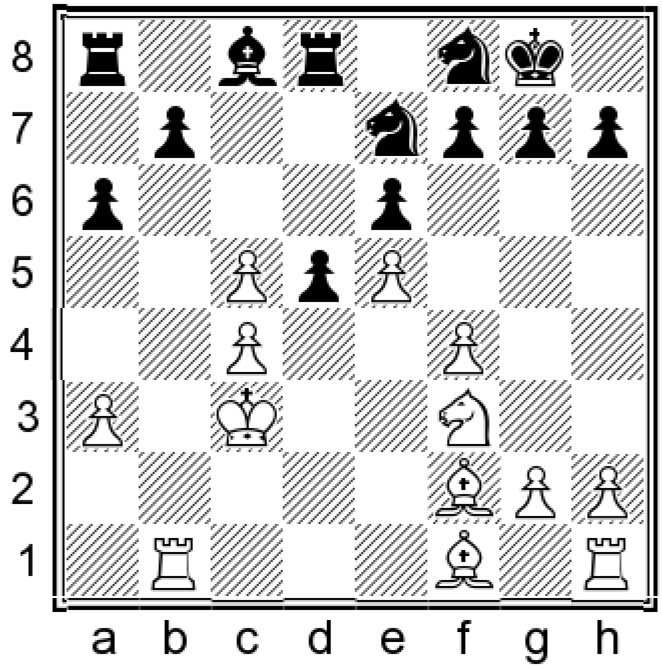
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♕b6 7.♗e3 a6 8.a3 ♘c6 9.dxc5 ♗xc5 10.♘a4 ♕a5+ 11.b4 ♕xa4 12.bxc5 O-O 13.c4 ♕a5+ 14.♕d2 ♕xd2+ 15.♔xd2 ♖d8

15...d4 - 80/299

16.♔c3 ♘e7 17.♗f2 ♘f8!N

17...♘b8

18.♖b1



18...♖d7!

18...♘fg6 19.g3 ♗d7 20.♘d4 (20.♖xb7? ♗c6∓) 20...♖ab8 21.♗g2 ♖dc8 22.♔d2 ♖xc5 23.cxd5 exd5 (23...♘xd5 24.♘xe6 ♖a5 25.♘d4 ♘ge7 26.♖b3 b5 27.♖c1±) 24.♖hc1±

19.♘d2 ♖c7 20.♘b3 ♘d7

20...dxc4 21.♗xc4 ♘d5+ 22.♗xd5 exd5 23.♖bd1 ♗f5 (23...♗e6 24.♔b2 ♘g6 25.♗e3 ♖d8∞) 24.♖xd5 ♗e4 25.♖d6 ♗xg2 26.♖g1 ♗h3∞20...♗d7 21.♘a5 ♖b8 22.g3 ♘c6 23.♘b3 (23.♘xc6 ♗xc6 24.♖g1 dxc4 25.♗g2 ♗xg2 26.♖xg2 ♘g6=) 23...♘e7=

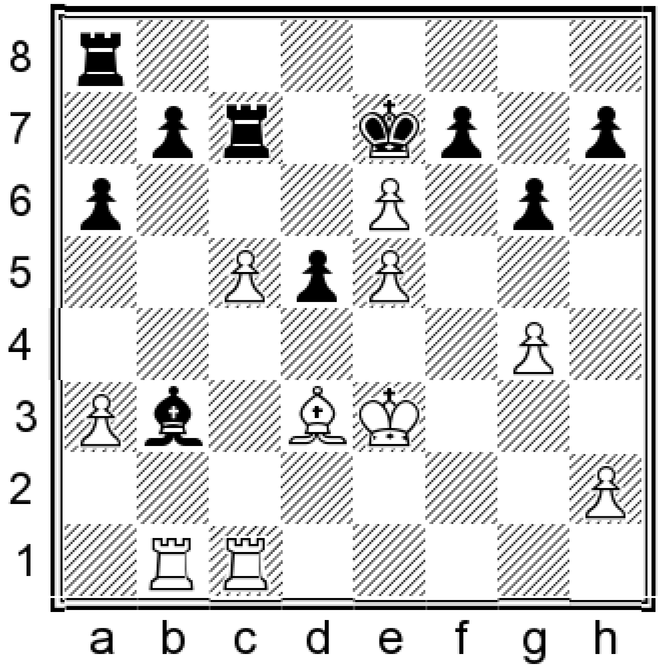
21.♗h4 ♔f8

21...♘f5 22.♗d8 ♖c6 23.cxd5 exd5 24.♗d3 ♘xc5 25.♘xc5 ♖xc5+ 26.♔d2 ♖c6 27.♗b6±

22.♗xe7+ ♔xe7 23.cxd5 exd5 24.♔d4 ♘f8

24...a5!? 25.♗b5 (25.♔xd5?! a4 26.♘d4 ♘xc5∓) 25...♘f8 (25...a4 26.♗xd7 axb3 27.♗xc8 ♖a4+ 28.♔e3 ♖xc8 29.♖xb3 ♖xc5 30.♖xb7+ ♔e6 31.♖b6+ ♔e7=) 26.♔e3 ♗f5 27.♖bc1 ♗e4∞

25.♗d3 ♘e6+ 26.♔e3 g6 27.♖hc1 ♗d7 28.g4 ♗a4= 29.f5 ♗xb3 30.fxe6



30...d4+!= 31.♔xd4

31.♔f4 ♗xe6 32.♗e4 g5+ 33.♔f3 h5 34.gxh5 ♖h8 35.♖xb7 ♖xb7 36.♗xb7 ♔d8 37.♗xa6 ♖xh5=

31...♖d8+ 32.♔e3 ♗xe6 33.♗e4 ♗d5 34.♖b6 ♗xe4 35.♔xe4 ♖d2 36.h3 1/2-1/2

99. C11
Ragger, Markus (2694) - Bluebaum, Matthias (2641)
Novi Sad 130/99, 2016

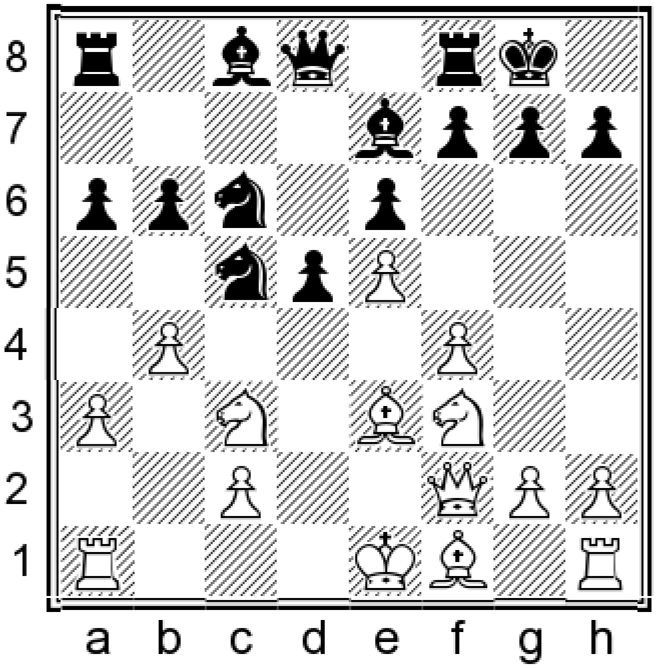
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 ♗e7 8.♕d2 a6 9.a3 O-O 10.dxc5

10.♗e2 - 101/(199)

10...♘xc5 11.♕f2 b6N

11...♕a5

12.b4



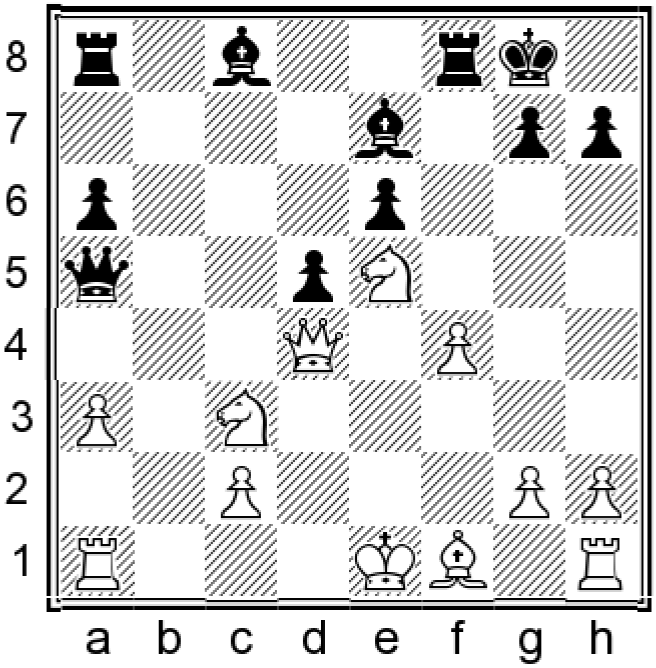
12...f6! 13.bxc5 bxc5 14.♗xc5

14.exf6 ♗xf6 15.♗d2 ♘d4 16.♖c1 (16.♘xd4 ♗xd4 17.♕g3 e5⯹) (16.♔d1 e5 17.fxe5 ♗xe5 18.♕e1 ♗f6⯹) 16...e5 17.♘e2 ♘xf3+ 18.♕xf3 ♖b8⯹

14...♕a5 15.♗d4 fxe5 16.♘xe5

16.fxe5?! ♖xf3! 17.gxf3 ♗c5 18.♗xc5 ♕xc3+ 19.♕d2 ♕xa1+ 20.♔f2 ♕xe5∓

16...♘xd4 17.♕xd4



17...♖xf4! 18.♘c6

18.♕xf4 ♕xc3+ 19.♔e2 ♗f6! 20.♖c1 ♗xe5 21.♕e3 ♕c7∓

18...♗c5

18...♖xd4 19.♘xa5 ♗d7 20.♘b3 ♖g4 21.♘d1 ♗f6 22.c3⩲

19.♕e5

19.♕d2?! ♕c7 20.♖b1 ♖f2 21.♘xd5 ♕xc6 22.♘e7+ ♗xe7 23.♕xf2 e5∓

19...♗d6

19...♖e4+ 20.♔d2 ♖xe5 21.♘xa5 ♗d7 22.♖b1 ♗xa3 23.♖b7 ♗e8 24.♘b3⩲

20.♕xg7+!

20.♕e3 ♖e4 21.♘xa5 ♖xe3+ 22.♘e2 (22.♔d2? ♖xc3 23.♔xc3 ♗e5+∓) 22...♖xa3 23.♖xa3 ♗xa3 24.♘c6 ♗b7 25.♘e5 ♗d6 26.♘d3 e5=∞

20...♔xg7 21.♘xa5 ♗e5 22.♔d2 ♖f2+ 23.♔d3 ♗f4

23...♗d7 24.♖b1 ♖c8 25.♘e2 ♗b5+ 26.♔e3 ♖f7 27.g3 ♖xc2 28.a4 (28.♘f4 ♖c3+ 29.♔d2 ♖xa3 30.♗xb5 ♗xf4+ 31.gxf4 axb5 32.♖xb5 ♖xf4∞) 28...♗xa4 29.♘d4 ♖a2 30.♘ab3⩲

24.♘e2 ♗h6 25.c4

25.♘c6 ♗d7 26.♘e5 ♗b5+ 27.c4 dxc4+ 28.♔c2 ♗a4+ 29.♔c3 ♖d8=∞

25...♔g8

25...♗d7 26.♖b1 ♔g8 27.♖b6 (27.♔c3 ♖c8=∞) (27.♖b7 ♖d8 28.♘d4 ♗e8 29.♘ac6 ♗xc6 30.♘xc6 dxc4+ 31.♔xc4 ♖c2+ 32.♔b3 ♖xc6=) 27...dxc4+ 28.♘xc4 ♗b5 29.♖xe6 ♖d8+ 30.♔c3 ♗g7+ 31.♔b4 ♖b8 32.♖b6⩲

26.♖d1

26.♖e1 ♗d7 27.♘d4 ♗d2 28.♖e2 ♖xe2 29.♗xe2 (29.♘ab3 dxc4+ 30.♔xe2 ♗c3 31.♘c5 ♗xd4 32.♘xd7 ♖d8 33.♔f3 ♖xd7 34.♗xc4 ♔f7=) 29...♗xa5 30.cxd5 exd5 31.♗f3 ♖d8 32.♗xd5+ ♔h8=∞

26...♗d7 27.♘c3?!

27.♘d4 e5 28.cxd5 (28.♘dc6 ♗g4 29.♖a1 ♗f5+ 30.♔c3 d4+=∞) 28...exd4 29.♔xd4 ♗g7+ 30.♔c5 ♖c2+ 31.♗c4 ♖c8+ 32.♘c6 ♗f8+ 33.♔d4 ♗g7+ (33...♗xa3=) 34.♔c5 ♗f8+=

27...♖c8

27...dxc4+! 28.♔d4 (28.♔xc4 ♖c8+ 29.♔b3 (29.♔d4 e5+! 30.♔d5 (30.♔xe5? ♖f5+ 31.♔d6 ♗f4+ 32.♔xd7 ♖c7+ 33.♔e6 ♖e5+ 34.♔d6 ♖xa5+) 30...♖xc3∓) 29...♖b8+ 30.♔c4 ♖f4+ 31.♔d3 ♗e8∓) 28...♖f5 29.♘b7 (29.♘xc4 ♗a4!∓) 29...♗g7+ 30.♔e3 ♖e5+ 31.♔d2 ♗c6 32.♖b1 ♖b8 33.♗xc4 ♖xb7 34.♖xb7 ♗xb7⩱

28.♗e2

28.cxd5 exd5 29.♘xd5 ♖c5 30.♘e7+ ♔f7 31.♘ac6 ♗xc6 32.♘xc6 ♖xc6 33.♗e2=

28...♖c5

28...♗e8! 29.♗f3 ♗g6+ 30.♔d4 ♖xf3 31.gxf3 ♗g7+ 32.♔e3 ♗xc3 33.♘b3 dxc4⩱

29.cxd5?!

29.♘b3 ♖xc4 (29...dxc4+ 30.♔d4 ♖c8 31.♗xc4 ♖f4+ 32.♘e4 ♖xc4+ 33.♔xc4 ♖xe4+ 34.♔c3⩲) 30.♗f3 ♗g7 31.♘e2 ♗h6∞

29...♖xa5 30.dxe6

30.♖hf1 ♖xf1 31.♖xf1 ♖xa3 32.dxe6 ♗xe6∓

30...♗xe6 31.♖df1 ♖xf1

31...♖xg2 32.♖hg1 ♖xg1 33.♖xg1+ ♗g7 34.a4 ♔h8∓

32.♖xf1 ♖xa3 33.♖f6 ♖xc3+ 34.♔xc3 ♗g7 35.♗xa6 ♗xf6+ ♘♗ 8/i **36.♔d3 ♔g7 37.♔e4 ♗c3 38.♗e2 ♔f6 39.♔f3 ♗d5+ 40.♔f2 ♗d4+ 41.♔g3 ♗e5+ 42.♔f2 ♔g5 43.♔g1 ♗d4+ 44.♔h1 ♔f4 45.♗f3!= ♗e6 46.♗c6 ♔e3 47.♗b7 ♗f5 48.♗c6 ♗d3 49.♗b7 h5 50.g3 ♔f2 51.♗c6 ♗e2 52.♗b7 ♗f3+ 53.♗xf3 ♔xf3 54.h3 ♔xg3 55.h4 ♔h3 1/2-1/2**

100. C11
Kramnik, Vladimir (2808) - Meier, Georg (2654)
Baku (ol) 130/100, 2016

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 a6 8.♕d2 ♗e7 9.a3 O-O 10.dxc5

10.♗e2 - 101/(199)

10...♘xc5 11.♕f2 b6N

11...♕a5

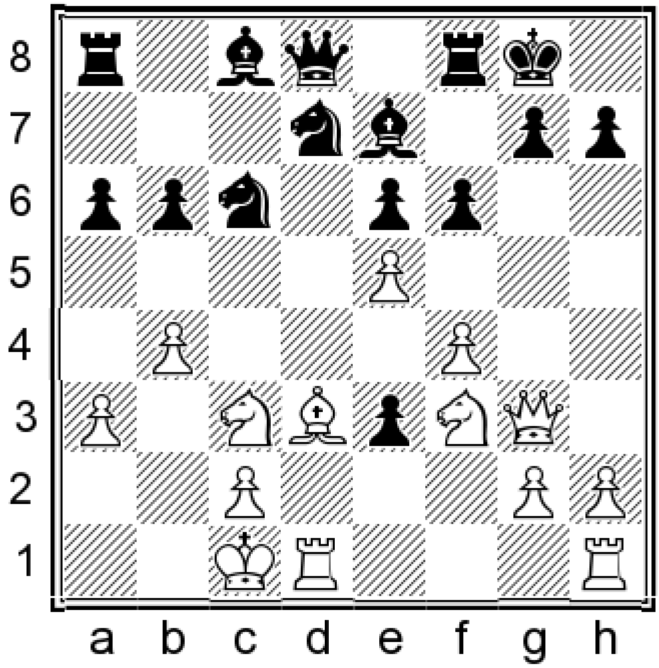
12.b4 ♘d7 13.♗d3 f6 14.♕g3 d4

14...f5 15.♘e2 b5 (15...a5 16.b5 ♘a7 17.O-O ♘c5 18.a4±) 16.♕h3 ♘b6 17.g4±

15.O-O-O

15.♗xd4! ♘xd4 16.♘xd4 ♘xe5 (16...♘c5 17.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 18.♘c6±) 17.O-O-O! ♘xd3+ 18.♖xd3 ♕c7 19.♕f3 ♖b8 20.♖e1↑

15...dxe3



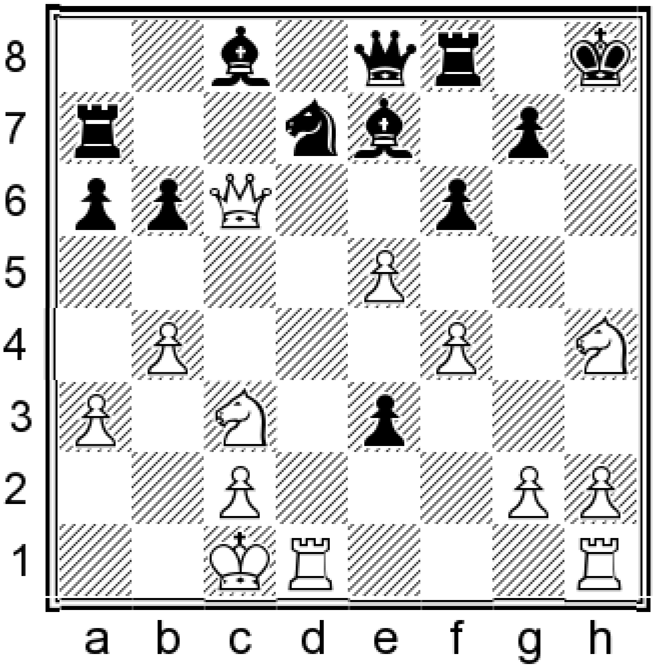
15...dxc3?! 16.♗xh7+! ♔xh7 17.♕h3+ ♔g8 (17...♔g6 18.f5+ exf5 19.♘h4+ ♔f7 20.e6+! ♔xe6 21.♕xf5+ ♔f7 22.♕g6+

♔e6 23.♘f3+-) 18.♕xe6+ ♔h7 19.♕xc6 ♖a7 20.e6 ♘b8 21.♕e4+ f5 22.♖xd8 fxe4 23.♖xf8 ♗xf8 24.♘g5+ ♔g8 25.♖d1±

16.♗xh7+! ♔xh7 17.♕h3+ ♔g8

17...♔g6?! 18.f5+! exf5 (18...♔f7 19.fxe6+ ♔g8 20.exd7 ♗b7 21.♕e6+ ♔h8 22.♖he1±) 19.♘h4+ ♔h7 (19...♔f7 20.e6+!+-) 20.♘xf5+ ♔g8 21.♕g4 g5 22.♕c4+±

18.♕xe6+ ♔h8 19.♕xc6 ♖a7 20.♘h4 ♕e8



21.♘d5

21.e6 ♘b8 22.♕xe8! (22.♕xb6 e2 (22...♖b7 23.♕xe3 f5 24.♕g3 ♗xh4 25.♕xh4+ ♔g8 26.♖he1 ♗xe6 27.♖e3⯹) 23.♕xa7 exd1=Q+ 24.♖xd1 ♘c6 25.♕e3 f5 26.♘f3⯹) 22...♖xe8 23.f5 ♘c6 24.♘g6+ ♔g8 25.♖he1↑

21...♔h7

21...g5 22.♘xe7 gxh4 23.♘xc8 ♕xc8 24.♕f3 ♘b8∞ (24...♕c3 25.♕h5+ ♔g7 26.♕g4+ ♔h8 27.♕xh4+ ♔g7∞)

22.♘xe7

22.e6!? e2! (22...♘c5 23.♕xe8 ♖xe8 24.bxc5 ♗xc5 25.f5 ♗xa3+ 26.♔b1±) 23.♖d2 ♘b8 24.♕xb6 ♖b7 25.♕e3 f5 26.♕h3 ♕h5∞

22...♕xe7 23.♘f5 ♘xe5?!

23...♕e8 24.♘d6 (24.e6 ♘b8 25.♕xb6 ♖b7 26.♕xe3 ♕xe6∞) 24...♕e6 25.♕e4+ g6 26.♕xe3 ♖c7∞

24.♘xe7 ♘xc6 25.♘xc6 ♖c7 26.♘d4

26.♖d6 ♔g6 27.♖e1 ♖e8 28.♘d4⩲

26...♖e8 27.♖d3 ♗b7

27...♖ce7 28.♖e1 ♔g6 29.h3⩲

28.♖e1 ♗xg2 29.♖dxe3 ♖xe3 30.♖xe3 ♗d5 31.♘f5 g5 32.fxg5 fxg5 33.♖e5 ♗f7 34.♔b2 b5 35.♘d4 ♔g6 36.♘f3+- g4

37.♖g5+ ♔f6 38.♖xg4 1-0

101.* C11
Salem, AR Saleh (2650) - Svane, Rasmus (2552)
Douglas 130/101, 2016

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 ♗e7 8.♕d2 a6 9.dxc5

9.♗d3 - 113/(100)

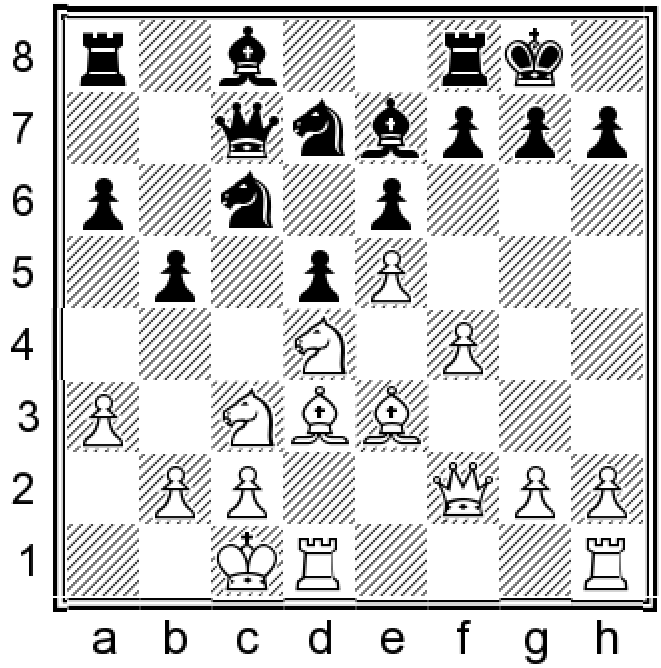
9...♘xc5 10.a3 O-O 11.♕f2 ♕a5 12.O-O-O ♘d7

12...♗d7N 13.f5 d4 14.♗xd4 (14.♘xd4 ♘xe5 15.♗e2 ♖ac8 16.fxe6 ♗xe6 17.♘xe6 fxe6 18.♕e1 ♔h8∞) 14...exf5 15.♗c4 ♗e6 16.♗xe6 fxe6 17.♕e2 b5∓ Sethuraman,S (2633) -Korobov,A (2687) Cesko 130/(101) 2016

13.♗d3 b5N

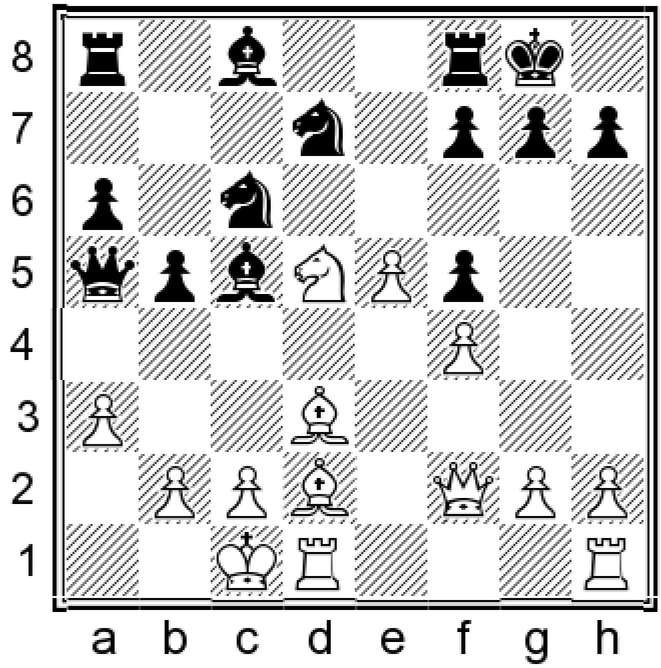
13...f6

14.♘d4 ♕c7



14...♘xd4!? 15.♗xd4 b4 16.axb4 ♗xb4 17.f5 exf5 18.g4 ♖e8! (18...f4 19.♕h4 g6 20.e6 fxe6 21.♕h6±) (18...fxg4 19.♕h4 h6 20.e6 fxe6 21.♕xg4±) 19.gxf5 ♘xe5 20.♖hg1 ♗f8 21.♗xe5 ♖xe5 22.♕d4 f6 23.♘xd5 ♕a1+ 24.♔d2 ♕a5+ 25.♔c1=

15.♘f5!? exf5 16.♘xd5 ♕a5 17.♗d2 ♗c5?

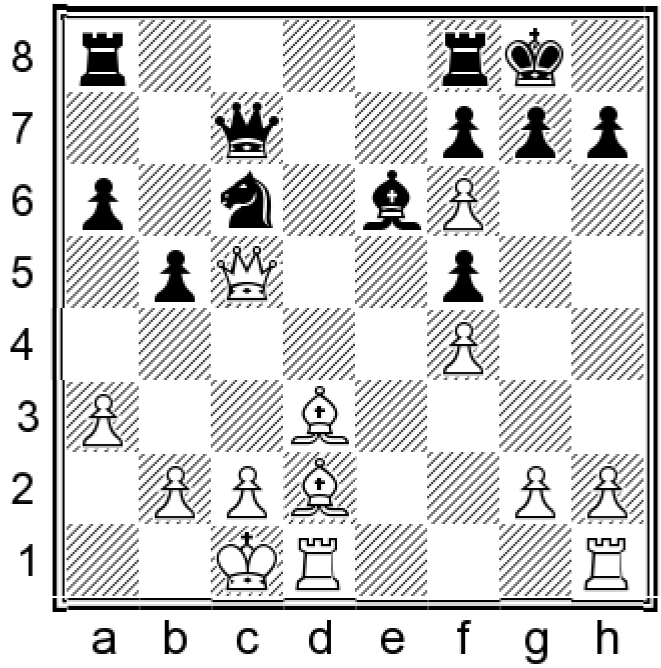


17...♕d8 18.♗xf5 ♘c5 19.♗xh7+! ♔xh7 20.♗c3 ♘e4 21.♕f3 ♘xc3 22.♘f6+ gxf6 23.♖xd8 ♖xd8 24.♕xc6 ♗f5 (24...♘a2+ 25.♔b1 ♗e6 26.f5 ♗xf5 27.♕f3 ♗g6 28.exf6 ♗f8∞) 25.bxc3 fxe5 26.♔b2∞

18.♘f6+! ♘xf6

18...gxf6 19.♕g3+ ♔h8 20.♗xa5+-

19.♕xc5 ♕c7 20.exf6 ♗e6



21.g4! ♖fd8 22.gxf5 ♖d5 23.♕g1+- g6 24.fxe6 ♖xd3 25.♕c5 ♕d6 26.♕g5 ♖h3 27.exf7+ ♔xf7 28.♗c3 ♕e6 29.♖he1 ♖e3 30.f5 1-0

102.* C11
Dominguez Perez, Leinier (2752) - Pijpers, Arthur (2465)

Novi Sad 130/102, 2016

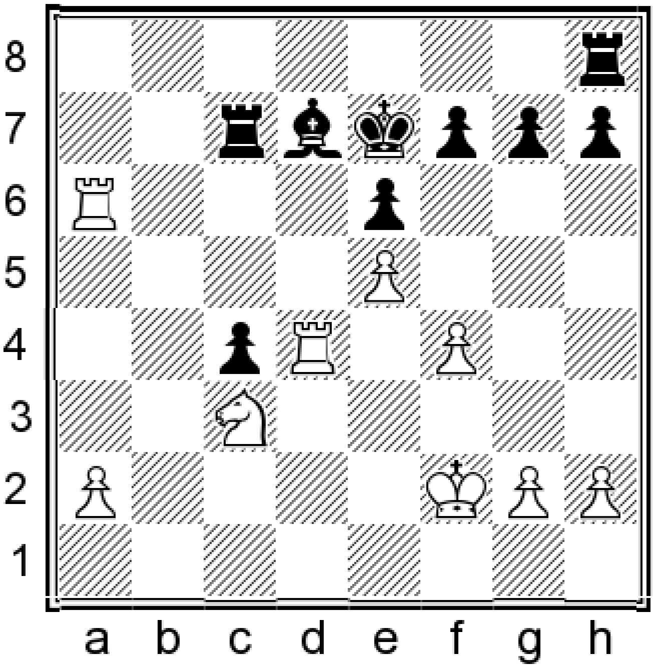
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e5 ♘fd7 5.f4 c5 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.♗e3 cxd4 8.♘xd4 ♕b6 9.♕d2 ♕xb2 10.♖b1 ♕a3 11.♗b5 ♘xd4 12.♗xd4 a6 13.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 14.♖b3 ♕e7 15.♖xb7 ♕d8 16.♗b6

16.O-O - 128/101

16...♕c8 17.♖c7 ♕d8 18.♕d4 ♗a3 19.♘b1 ♗e7 20.c4 ♖c8

20...♗b4+?N 21.♔f2 ♖c8 22.♖xc8 ♕xc8 23.c5+- f6 24.exf6 gxf6 25.♕xb4 e5 26.♖e1 O-O 27.♔g1 d4 28.fxe5 fxe5 29.♖xe5 ♗b5 30.♖g5+ 1-0 (32) Palac,M (2623)-Van Osch,M (2284) Schwarzach 130/(102) 2016

21.♖b7 ♗b4+ 22.♔f2 ♕xb6 23.♖xb6 ♗c5 24.♖d1 ♗xd4+ 25.♖xd4 dxc4 26.♘c3 ♖c7 27.♖xa6 ♔e7



28.♔e3!?N

28.♖b6

28...♖b8 29.♖d2 f6 30.♖a5 ♗e8

30...f5 31.a4 ♖b3 (31...h6 32.g3 g5 33.♖a6±) 32.♔d4 ♗c6 33.♖a2±

31.g4 ♖bb7 32.h4 ♖d7 33.♖d4± ♗g6 34.a4 ♗d3 35.♖b5 ♖a7

35...fxe5 36.♖xe5 (36.fxe5 ♖a7 37.a5±) 36...♖b3 37.♖xd7+ ♔xd7 38.♔d4±

36.a5± h6 37.♖xd7+ ♔xd7

37...♖xd7 38.a6+-

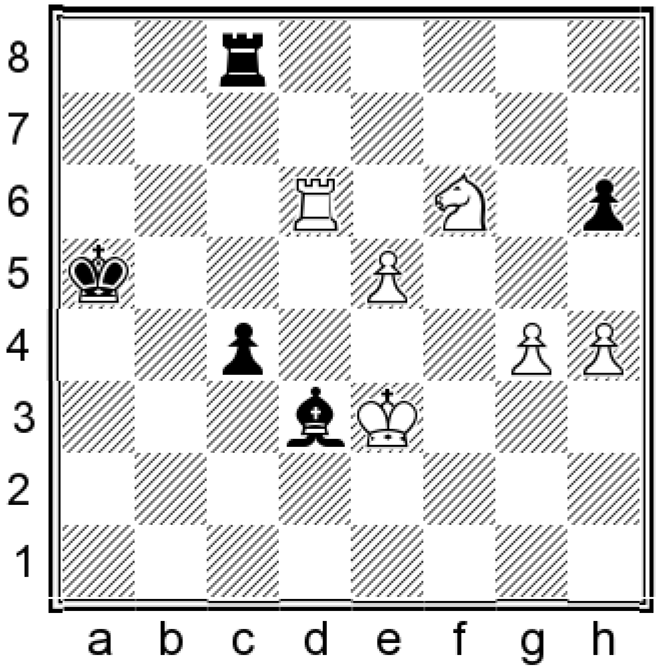
38.♔d4 ♖a6

38...♗f1 39.exf6 gxf6 40.♔c5±

39.♖b7+ ♔c6 40.♖xg7+- fxe5+ 41.fxe5 ♖a8

41...♖xa5 42.♖e7+-

42.♖e7 ♖d8+ 43.♔e3 ♔c5 44.♖xe6 ♔b4 45.♖d6! ♖g8 46.♘d5+ ♔xa5 47.♘f6 ♖c8



48.♖xd3!

48.♔d2 c3+ 49.♔c1 ♗g6 50.h5+-

48...cxd3 49.♔xd3 ♖c6 50.g5 hxg5 51.hxg5 ♔b5 52.g6 ♖c7 53.♔e4 ♔c6 54.♘h5 1-0

103.* C18**
Shankland, Samuel L (2679) - Ashwin, Jayaram (2468)
Atlantic City 130/103, 2016

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 ♗a5 6.b4 cxd4 7.♕g4 ♔f8 8.♘b5 ♗b6 9.♘f3 ♘e7

9...♘c6 - 129/103

10.♗d3 ♘bc6 11.♗b2 ♘g6 12.♕g3 f6

12...a6 13.♘bxd4 ♘xd4 14.♘xd4 ♕h4 15.♘b3N (15.♕xh4) 15...♗d7 16.♕xh4 ♘xh4 17.g3 ♘g6 18.a4 ♘e7 19.♔e2 h5 20.b5± Safarli,E (2663)-Mirzoev,A (2518) Azerbaijan 130/(103) 2016

13.♗xg6 hxg6 14.♘bxd4 ♘xe5 15.♘xe5 fxe5 16.♕xe5 ♖h5 17.♘xe6+N

17.♕g3 - 130/(103) 17...♕c7 18.O-O-O e5 19.♕f3+ ♕f7 20.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 21.♘f3 e4 22.♘e5+ ♔g8 23.♖xd5 ♗e6 24.♖d2N Vucinic, G (2399)-Smirnov,A (2486) Budapest 130/(103) 2016 (24.♖d2 e3! 25.♖d6 ♖e8 26.g4 ♖xe5! 27.♗xe5 exf2 28.♖xe6 ♖xe6 29.♗g3 ♖e4 30.♔d1 ♖xg4 31.♖f1 ♖d4+ 32.♔e2 ♖e4+ 33.♔d2 ♖e3 34.♗xf2 ♖f3 35.♔e2 ♖xa3 36.♗xb6 axb6 37.♖f3=) (24.♖d6)

17...♗xe6 18.♕xe6 ♕e8 19.♕xe8+ ♖xe8+ 20.♔d1

20.♔d2 ♗xf2 21.♖ad1 ♖f5=

20...♖g5 21.g3 ♗xf2 22.♗c1

22.♔d2N ♖f5 23.♖ad1 ♖e4 24.♖hf1 g5 25.♔c1 g6 26.♔b1 ♔e7 27.♖d2 ♗b6 28.♖fd1 ♔e6 29.h3 g4 30.hxg4 ♖xg4= 31.♖e2+ ♖e4 32.♖de1 1/2 (32) Sevian,S (2591)-Chandra,A (2490) Atlantic City 130/(103) 2016

22...♖f5

22...♖ge5 23.♗d2 ♔e7 24.♖b1 ♖e4 25.♖b3 ♗d4=

23.♖b1 ♖e4 24.♖b3 ♔f7 25.♗f4 ♔e6 26.h4 ♗d4 27.♖e1 ♗e5 28.♗xe5 ♔xe5 29.♖c3 ♖f7

29...♖xe1+ 30.♔xe1 ♔d6 31.♖c8 (31.♔e2 g5=) 31...♖f3 32.♖g8 ♖xg3 33.♖xg7 ♖xa3 34.♖xg6+ ♔e5=

30.♖xe4+ ♔xe4?!

30...dxe4 31.♔e2 ♔d4 32.♖c8 ♖f3 33.♖c7 (33.♖d8+ ♔c4 34.♖c8+ ♔d4=) 33...♖xg3 (33...♖xa3 34.♖xb7 ♖xg3 35.♖xa7 ♖g2+ 36.♔d1 e3= (36...♖g1+=)) 34.♖xg7 ♖xa3 35.♖xb7 ♔c4=

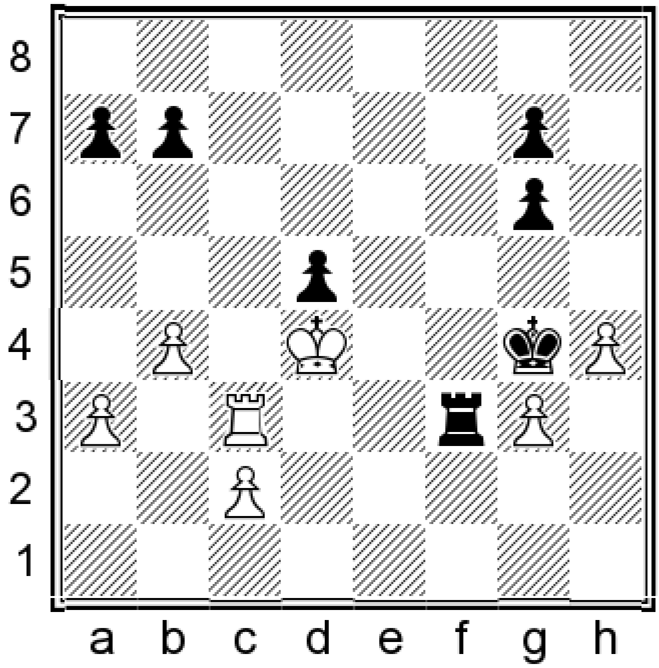
31.♔e2 ♔d4?!

31...d4 32.♖c5 (32.♖c4 ♖e7 33.♔d2 ♖d7 34.♖c5 ♖f7=) 32...b6 33.♖g5 ♖f6 34.a4 a6=

32.♖c8 ♔e5 33.♔e3± ♔f5?!

33...d4+ 34.♔e2 ♔e4 35.a4±

34.♔d4 ♔g4 35.♖c3 ♖f3



36.♖c7! ♖xg3 37.♖xb7 ♖xa3 38.♖xg7 ♔h5

38...♔xh4 39.♖xg6 ♖a2 40.c3 ♖d2+ 41.♔e3 ♖d1 42.♖g7+-

39.♔xd5 a5 40.♖h7+ ♔g4 41.b5+- ♖c3 42.♖h6 ♔f5 43.h5 ♖xc2

43...gxh5 44.♖xh5+ ♔g4 45.♖h2+-

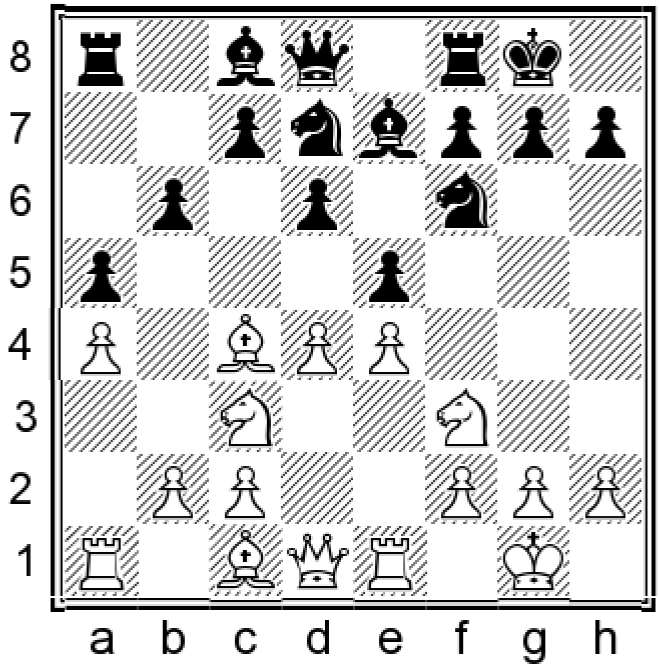
44.♖xg6

44.hxg6 a4 45.b6 ♖d2+ 46.♔c6 ♖c2+ 47.♔b5 ♖b2+ 48.♔a6 a3 49.g7 a2 50.g8=Q a1=Q+ 51.♔b7+-

44...♖b2 45.♔c4 ♖c2+ 46.♔b3 ♖h2 47.♖c6 ♔e4 48.b6 ♖xh5 49.♔a4 ♔d5 50.♖c1 ♖h2 51.♔xa5 ♖a2+ 52.♔b5 ♔d6 53.♖d1+ ♔e7 54.b7 ♖b2+ 55.♔c6 ♖c2+ 56.♔b6 ♖b2+ 57.♔c7 ♖c2+ 58.♔b8 ♖a2 59.♖d4 1-0

104. C41
Kryvoruchko, Yuriy (2693) - Mchedlishvili, Mikheil (2609)
Baku (ol) 130/104, 2016

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♘f6 3.♘c3 e5 4.♘f3 ♘bd7 5.♗c4 ♗e7 6.a4 O-O 7.O-O a5 8.♖e1 b6



9.♗g5!?N

9.b3 - 73/339

9...♗b7 10.♕d2 h6 11.♗xf6

11.♗xh6?! gxh6 12.♕xh6 ♘h7 13.dxe5 ♘xe5 14.♘xe5 dxe5 15.♖ad1 ♗d6 16.♘b5 (16.♖e3 ♕f6 17.♕h5 ♔h8 18.♗d5 ♗xd5 19.♘xd5 ♕g6∓) 16...♕g5 (16...♕f6 17.♕xf6 ♘xf6 18.♘xd6 cxd6 19.♖xd6∞) 17.♕xg5+ ♘xg5 18.♘xd6 cxd6 19.♖xd6 ♖ac8 20.b3 ♖c6 21.♖xc6 ♗xc6 22.f3 ♖d8∓

11...♗xf6 12.♖ad1 ♖e8

12...exd4 13.♘xd4 ♘c5 14.♗d5 ♗xd5 15.♘xd5 ♗xd4 16.♕xd4 ♕d7 17.b3 ♖ae8 18.f3 ♖e6 19.♘e3±

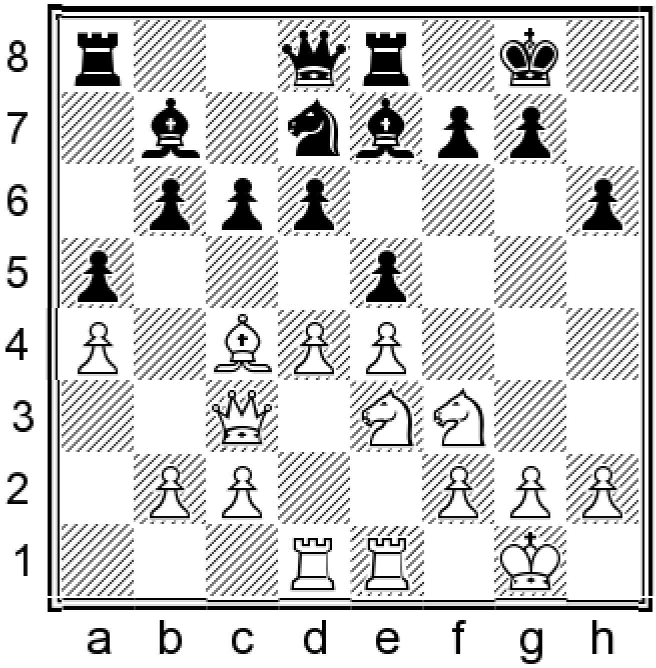
13.♘d5 ♗e7?!

13...exd4 14.♘xd4 ♘c5 (14...♗e5 15.♘f5 (15.f4 ♗xd4+ 16.♕xd4 ♘c5 17.♖e3 ♔h8) 15...♘f6 16.c3±) 15.♘xf6+ (15.♘f5 ♖b8!? (15...♘xe4? 16.♕f4±) (15...♖xe4? 16.♖xe4 ♘xe4 17.♕f4±) 16.c3 (16.♕f4 ♗xd5 (16...♗e5 17.♕g4 ♗xd5 18.♗xd5 ♕g5 19.♕f3 ♕f6) (16...♗xb2!? 17.c3 ♗xd5 18.♗xd5 ♕f6 19.♘xh6+ ♕xh6 20.♕xf7+ ♔h8 21.♖e3 ♖f8 22.♕e7 ♖fe8 23.♕xc7 ♘e6 24.♗xe6 ♕xe6 25.♖g3=∞) 17.♗xd5 ♗xb2 18.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 19.♘xh6+ ♔g6 20.♕f5+ ♔xh6 21.♕h3+ ♔g6=) 16...♖xe4 17.♖xe4 ♘xe4 18.♕f4 ♗xd5 19.♗xd5 ♘c5∞) 15...♕xf6 16.f3 ♘xa4!? 17.♗b5 ♘xb2 18.♖b1 ♖ed8 (18...c6 19.♘xc6 ♗a6 20.♗xa6 ♖xa6 21.e5↑) 19.c3 (19.♖xb2 c5) 19...c6 20.♖xb2 cxb5 21.♖xb5∞

14.♕c3

14.dxe5 ♘xe5 15.♘xe5 dxe5 16.♕e2 ♗d6 17.♖d3!↑

14...c6 15.♘e3?



15.♘xe7+ ♛xe7 16.♗b3 (16.dxe5 ♘xe5 17.♘d4 (17.♘xe5 dxe5 18.♖d3 ♖ad8 19.♖ed1 ♗c8=) 17...♘xc4 18.♕xc4 d5 19.♕c3 dxe4 20.♘f5 ♛e5 21.♕xe5 ♖xe5 22.♘d6 ♖e7=) 16...♖ad8 17.dxe5 ♘xe5 (17...dxe5 18.♗c4) 18.♘d4±

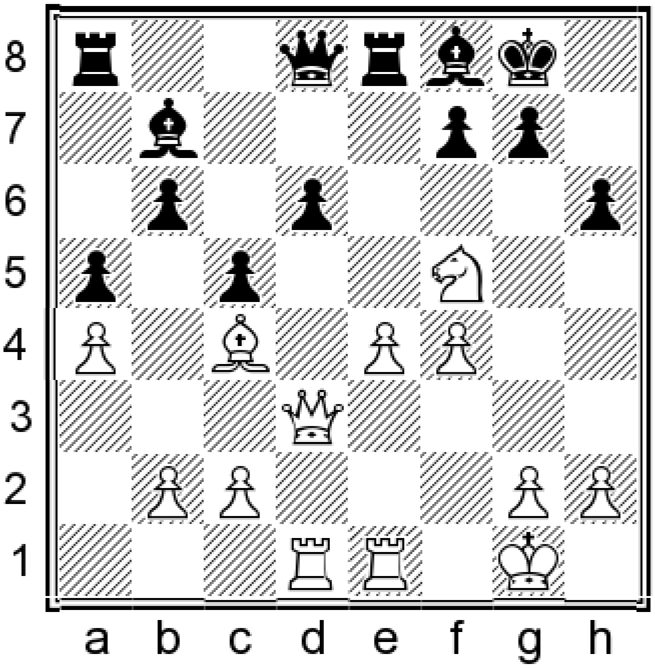
15...exd4??

15...d5! 16.exd5 ♗b4 17.♕b3 cxd5 18.♘xd5 ♗xe1 19.♖xe1 ♖c8! 20.♘e3 (20.dxe5 ♘c5 21.♕a2 ♘e6 22.♖d1 ♗xd5 23.♖xd5 ♛c7∓) (20.♘xb6 ♛xb6 21.♗xf7+ ♔f8 22.♗xe8 ♛xb3 23.cxb3 ♖xe8∓) 20...♛f6 21.♗b5 exd4 22.♗xd7 dxe3 23.♗xe8 ♖xe8 24.♖xe3 ♖xe3 25.fxe3 ♗xf3 26.gxf3 ♛xf3↑

16.♕xd4 ♗f8 17.♘f5 c5 18.♕d3 ♘e5?

18...♘f6☐ 19.e5 d5 20.♗b5 ♘d7 21.♕c3±

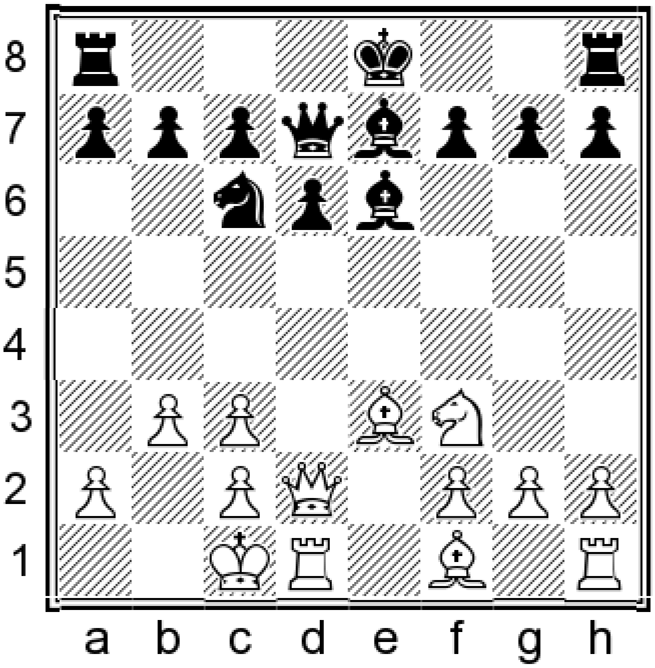
19.♘xe5 ♖xe5 20.f4+- ♖e8



21.e5! dxe5 22.♘xh6+ gxh6 23.♕g6+ ♔h8 24.♗xf7 ♗g7 25.♖xd8 ♖exd8 26.f5 ♖d2 27.♕xb6 ♖xg2+ 28.♔f1 ♗f3 29.♗h5 e4 30.♗xf3 exf3 31.♕c6 ♖f8 32.♖e8 1-0

105. C42
Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2804) - Caruana, Fabiano (2823)
London 130/105, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.♘c3 ♘xc3 6.dxc3 ♗e7 7.♗e3 ♘c6 8.♕d2 ♗e6 9.O-O-O ♕d7 10.b3



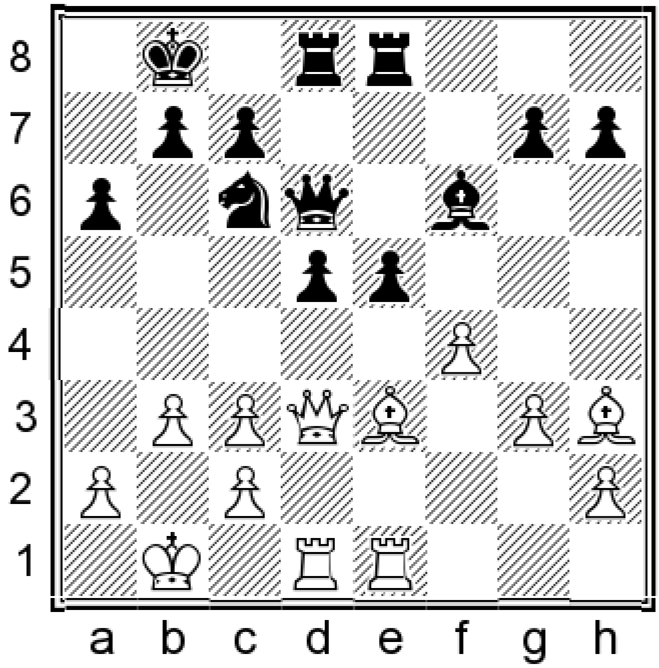
10...O-O-O!?N

10...♗f6 - 125/91

11.♘d4 a6 12.♘xe6 fxe6 13.g3 d5 14.♗h3 ♔b8 15.♖he1 ♖he8 16.f4 ♗f6 17.♔b1

17.♗c5 ♕f7 18.♗g2 ♕h5 19.h4 e5 20.fxe5 ♖xe5 21.♖xe5 ♕xe5 22.♕e3 ♕xe3+ 23.♗xe3 ♗xc3 24.♖xd5=17.♔b2!? ♕f7∞ (17...♕d6 18.♕f2±)

17...♕d6 18.♕d3 e5



19.♗c1?

19.fxe5 ♘xe5 20.♕d4 ♘c6 21.♕d2 ♕a3 22.♗d4 ♘xd4 23.cxd4 c5 24.c3 cxd4 25.cxd4=

19...e4 20.♕d2 ♕c5 21.♗b2 d4 22.♕e2

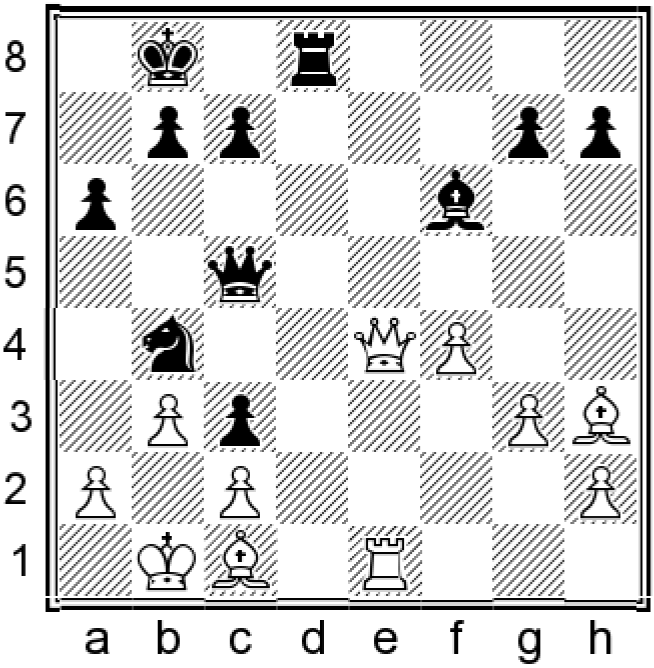
22.cxd4 ♘xd4 23.♕c3 ♕h5 24.g4 ♕h4 25.g5 ♘e2! 26.♕c4 ♖xd1+ 27.♖xd1 ♗xb2 28.♔xb2 ♕xh3 29.♕xe2 e3↑

22...dxc3 23.♖xd8+ ♖xd8

23...♘xd8!? 24.♗c1 ♘f7∓ Δ ♘d6, ♗d4

24.♗c1 ♖d2?!

24...♘b4! 25.♕xe4



25...♘d3! 26.♗g2 c6 27.♕e3 ♖d4! (27...♕xe3 28.♖xe3 ♘xc1 29.♔xc1 ♖d2 30.♗e4 ♖xh2 31.♔d1∓) 28.♖e2 ♘xc1 29.♕xc1 ♖d2∓

25.♗xd2 cxd2 26.♕xd2 ♗c3 27.♕c1 ♗xe1 28.♕xe1= e3 29.c3 ♘a7 30.♗f1 ♘b5 31.♔b2 ♕a3+ 32.♔b1 ♕c5 33.♔b2 ♕a3+ 34.♔b1 1/2-1/2

106. C42
Adams, Michael (2738) - Wang, Yue (2737)
Baku (ol) 130/106, 2016

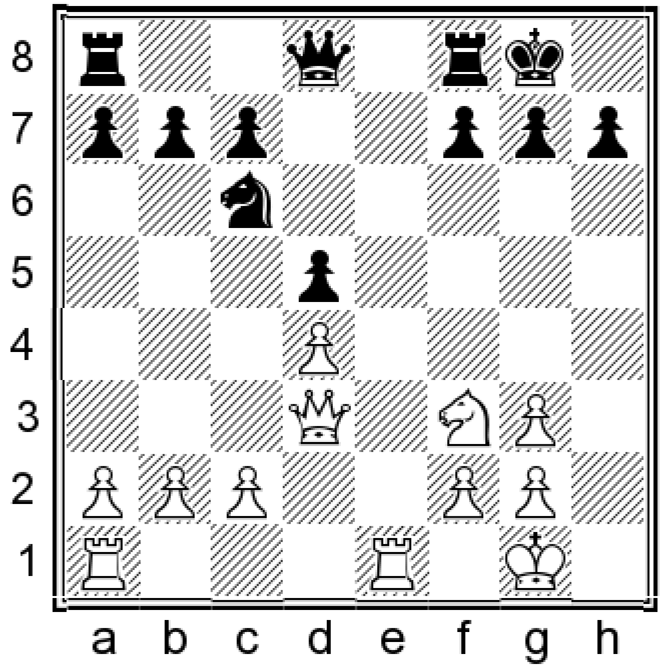
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♘xe5 d6 4.♘f3 ♘xe4 5.d4 d5 6.♗d3 ♘c6 7.O-O ♗e7 8.♘bd2 ♗f5 9.♖e1 ♘xd2 10.♕xd2 ♗xd3 11.♕xd3 O-O 12.♗f4 ♗d6

12...♕d7 - 31/ (368)

13.♗g3

13.♗xd6 ♕xd6 14.♖e2! (14.♖e3 ♖ae8 15.♖ae1 ♖xe3 16.♖xe3 ♕b4⇄)

13...♗xg3 14.hxg3

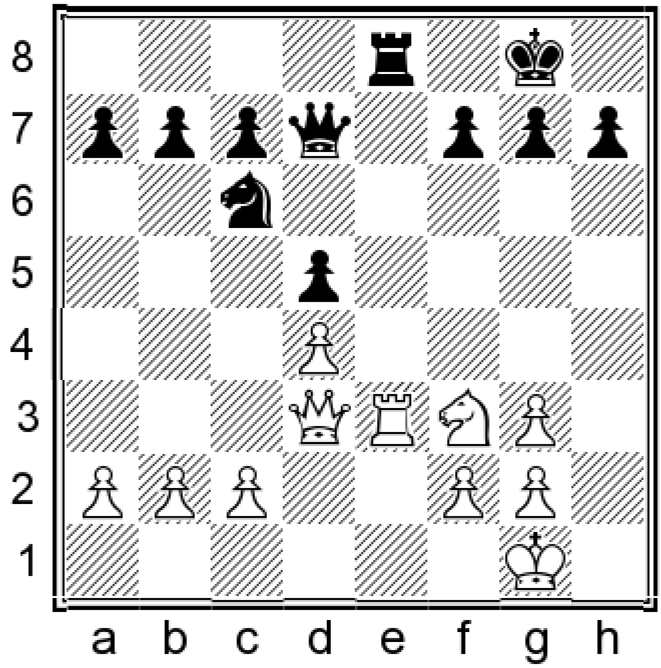


14...♕d7N

14...♕d6

15.♖e3 ♖fe8 16.♖ae1 ♖xe3 17.♖xe3 h6

17...♖e8?



18.♕f5! ♕d8 (18...♖e6 19.♘g5 g6 20.♕h3!+-) 19.♘g5 ♖xe3 20.♕xf7+ ♔h8 21.♕h5+-

18.♕b3

18.♕b5 ♖b8 (18...b6? 19.♖c3+-)

18...♖b8 19.♘e5

19.c3 b5!? (19...g6)

19...♕d6 20.♘xc6 ♕xc6 21.c3 a5

21...♕d7 22.♕a3 a6 23.♕e7 ♕xe7 24.♖xe7 ♖c8 25.♖d7±21...♕d6 22.♕a4±

22.♕a3 b6

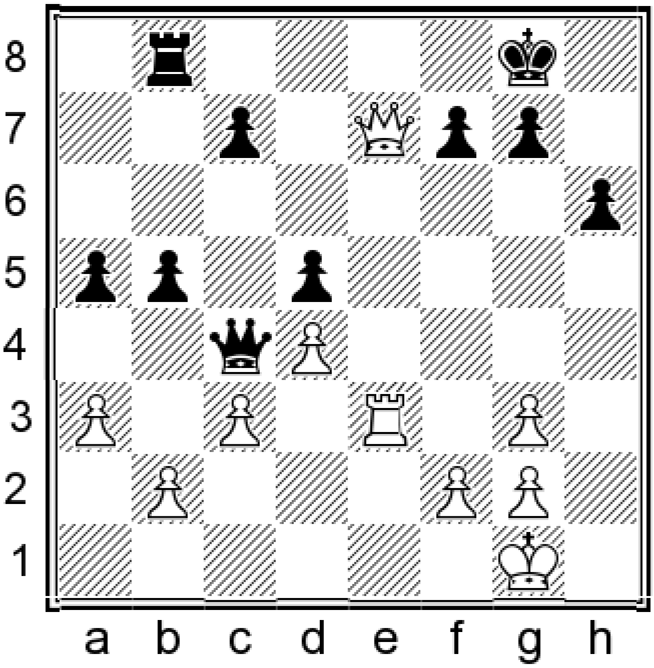
22...♕b5 23.b3 b6 24.♕e7±

23.♕e7 b5

23...♖f8 24.f3! (24.g4?! ♕g6) 24...♕c4 25.b3 ♕c6 26.g4↑

24.a3 b4

24...♕c4



25.g4! b4 26.axb4 axb4 27.♖f3 ♖f8! (27...f6? 28.g5! hxg5 (28...fxg5 29.♖f7) 29.♕e6+ ♔f8 (29...♔h7 30.♕f7!) 30.♖h3+-) 28.g5! ♕c6! (28...hxg5 29.♕xg5 bxc3 30.♖g3 g6 (30...♕xd4 31.bxc3 ♕d1+ 32.♔h2 g6 33.♖h3) 31.♕f6+-) (28...h5 29.g6+-) 29.gxh6 ♕xh6 30.♕xc7±

25.axb4 axb4 26.cxb4 ♕c1+?

26...♕b6! 27.♖f3 (27.♕e5 ♕xb4 28.♕xd5 ♕xb2 29.♖e7 ♕b3 30.♕xb3 (30.♖e8+ ♔h7=) 30...♖xb3 31.♖xc7 ♖b1+ 32.♔h2 ♖d1 33.♖d7 ♔f8±) 27...f6 28.♖c3 ♕xd4 29.♖xc7 ♕d1+ 30.♔h2 ♕h5+=26...♕c4!

27.♔h2 ♕xb2 28.♖f3

28.♕xc7!? ♕xb4 29.♖e5!± Δ♕b7? (29...♕b6? 30.♖e8+) 30.♖e8++-

28...♖f8

28...f6 29.♕xc7 (29.♖e3!? ♕c2! (29...♕xf2 30.♕xc7 ♕xe3 31.♕xb8+±) 30.♕d7 c6 31.♖e7 ♕g6=) 29...♕xb4 30.♖f5 ♕b6 31.♕xb6 ♖xb6 32.♖xd5±

29.♕c5 c6

29...g6 30.b5±

30.♕xc6 ♕xd4

30...♕xb4 31.♕xd5 ♕e7 32.♕c5 (32.♕a5!?) 32...♕xc5 33.dxc5 ♖c8 34.♖c3 f6 35.g4 ♔f7 36.♔g3 ♔e6 37.♔f4+-

31.b5 ♕e5

31...♕c4 32.♕d7!

32.b6 ♖e8 33.♖f4

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33...♕e6

33...g5 34.♖a4+-33...♕h5+ 34.♖h4+-

34.♕b7

34.♕c7 ♕e7! (34...♖e7? 35.♖b4! ♖xc7 36.bxc7 ♔h7 37.♖b8 ♕e5 38.c8=Q ♕h5+ 39.♔g1 (39.♕h3+-) 39...♕d1+ 40.♔h2 ♕h5+ 41.♕h3+-) 35.♕a7±

34...g5 35.♖a4

35.♖b4!? ♔g7 (35...♕d6 36.♖b5 ♕g6 (36...d4 37.♕c7) 37.♕d7! ♕h5+ 38.♕h3 ♕xh3+ 39.♔xh3 ♖b8 40.♔g4+-) (35...♕g6 36.♕d7 (36.♕xd5 ♕h5+ 37.♖h4+-) 36...♕h5+ 37.♖h4+-) 36.♕c7 ♕c8 37.♕d6 ♖e1 38.g4 ♕b7±35.♖f3 d4! 36.♕c7 ♖c8 (36...♕e7!?) 37.♕a7 ♕g6 38.g4 ♕d6+ 39.g3 ♖f8=

35...♕e2?

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36.f3

36.♕xd5 ♕h5+ 37.♖h4 ♕g6 38.♕d7±

36...d4

36...♔g7 37.♖a8 ♖e7 38.♕b8+-36...♕f1 37.♖a8+-

37.♕d7

37.♖a8 d3 38.♕c6 ♖xa8 39.♕xa8+ ♔g7 40.b7+-

37...♕e7 38.♕xe7

38.♕xd4+-

38...♖xe7 39.♖a7 ♖e6

39...♖e8 40.b7 d3 41.♖a8+-

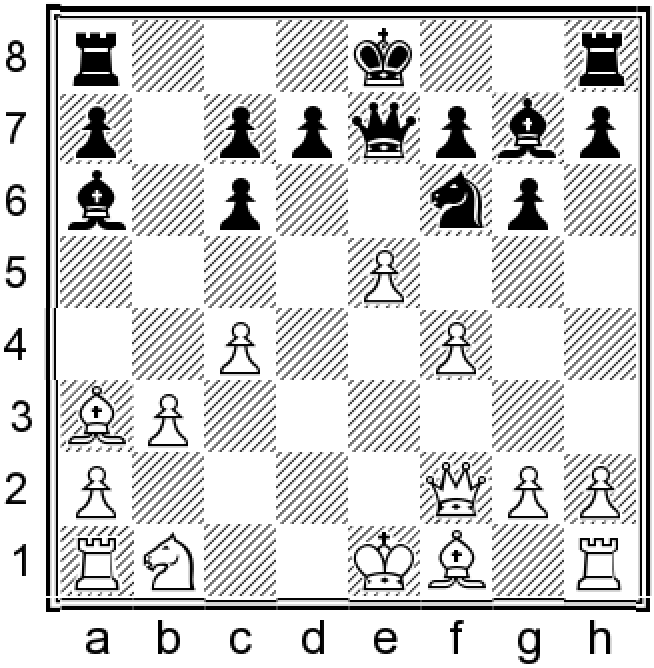
40.♖a8+ ♔g7 41.b7 1-0

107. C45
Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2740) - Tomashevsky, Evgeny (2731)
Moscow 130/107, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4 exd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘xc6 bxc6 6.e5 ♕e7 7.♕e2 ♘d5 8.c4 ♗a6 9.b3 g6 10.f4 ♗g7

10...d6 11.♕f2 ♘f6 12.♗a3 (12.♗e2 - 121/98) 12...♕e6∞

11.♕f2 ♘f6 12.♗a3



12.♗e2 - 79/(294)

12...d6?!

12...♘g4!? 13.♕e2 ♕e6 14.♘c3 O-O-O 15.O-O-O ♗h6 16.g3 ♘xe5 17.♘a4 d6 18.♗g2 ♘g4 19.♕xe6+ fxe6 20.♖he1±

13.♘c3N

13.♘d2

13...O-O

13...♕e6 14.♗e2 dxe5 15.O-O↑13...♘g4 14.♕f3 ♘xe5 15.fxe5 ♕xe5+ 16.♔d2±

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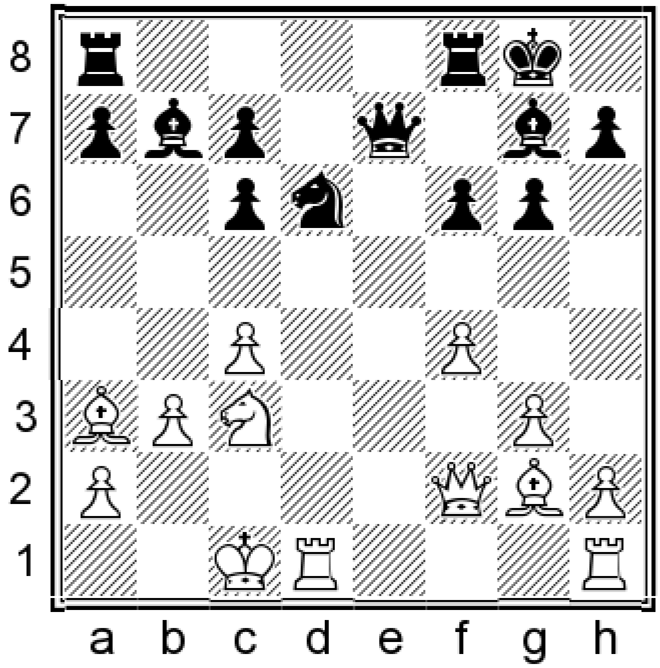
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17...cxd6 18.♖he1 ♕c7 19.f5 ♕a5 20.♗b2 ♕xf5 21.♕xf5 gxf5 22.♘b5±

18.c5! ♘f5 19.♖he1 ♕f7 20.♗f1 ♖fd8 21.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 22.♗c4 ♖d5 23.♕e2 1-0

C50-C99

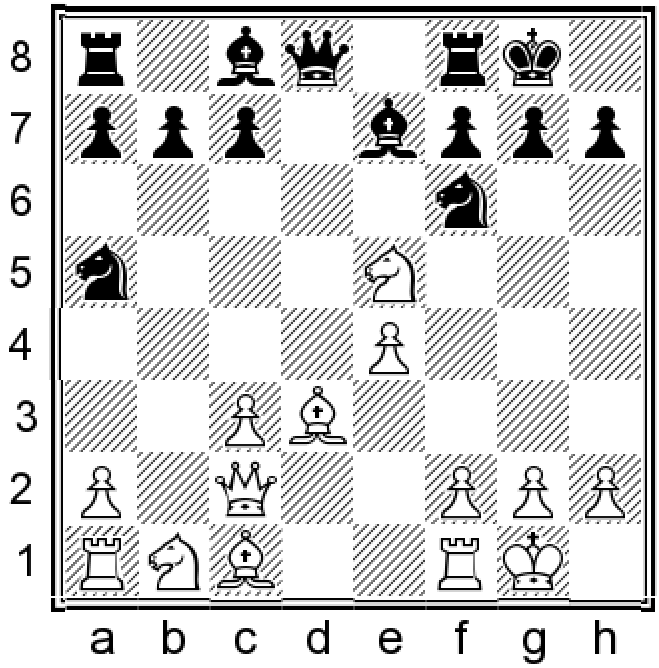
108.* C51**
Baghdasaryan, Vahe (2488) - Mastrovasilis, Athanasios (2555)
Riga 130/108, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.b4!? ♗xb4 5.c3 ♗e7 6.d4 ♘a5 7.♗d3

7.♗e2 - 110/158

7...d6 8.dxe5 dxe5 9.♘xe5 ♘f6 10.♕a4+

10.O-O O-O 11.♕c2



11...c5 (11...♕d6 12.f4!? (12.♘f3 ♖d8 13.♖d1 ♘xe4 14.♕e2 ♕g6= (14...♗f5 15.♘d4 ♘xc3 16.♘xc3 ♕xd4 17.♗xf5 ♕xc3 18.♗b2⩱) 15.♘e5 ♕f5 16.♘f3 ♗e6 (16...♕g6=) 17.♘d4 ♕g4 18.♕xg4 ♗xg4 19.f3 ♘c5 20.fxg4 ♘xd3 21.♖xd3 c5∓) 12...♘d7 13.♘xd7 ♗xd7 14.e5 ♕b6+ 15.♔h1↑) 12.♘a3 (12.♘d2 ♕c7 13.♘ec4 (13.f4 ♗e6N (13...b6) 14.♘df3 c4 15.♗e2 ♘g4 16.♘xg4 ♗xg4 17.♗e3 ♗c5 18.♘d4 ♗xe2 19.♕xe2= Webb,M (2225)-Eames,R (2201) England 130/(108) 2016) 13...♘xc4 14.♗xc4 ♗d6 15.h3 (15.g3 ♖e8∞) 15...♖e8 16.♖e1 ♗e6N (16...♗d7) 17.♗f1 Neelotpal,D (2457)-Nikolov,M (2559) Skopje 130/(108) 2016 (17.♗f1 ♗d5! 18.♗b5 ♗c6 19.♗xc6 ♕xc6∓)) 12...♕c7 13.f4 a6N (13...♘d7) 14.♘ac4 ♘xc4 15.♗xc4 ♗e6 16.a4 ♗xc4 17.♘xc4 b5= Zhou,Y (2454)-Griffiths,R (2359) England 130/(108) 2016

10...c6 11.♕c2N

11.♗a3

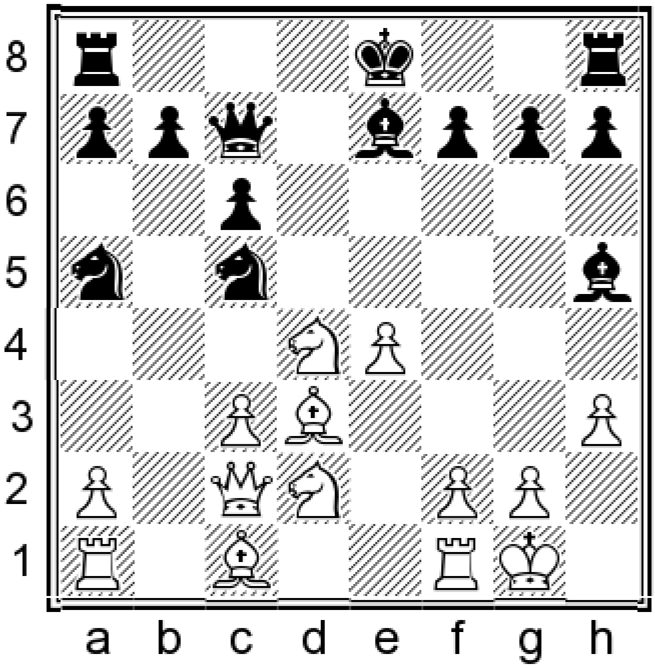
11...♕c7!?

11...O-O

12.♘f3

12.f4 ♗d6! 13.♘d2 (13.♘xf7 ♔xf7 14.e5 ♗xe5 15.fxe5 ♕xe5+-+) (13.♘f3 ♗xf4∓) 13...♘h5 (13...♗xe5 14.fxe5 ♕xe5 15.O-O=∞) 14.♘df3 f6∓

12...♗g4 13.♘bd2 ♘d7 14.h3 ♗h5 15.O-O ♘c5 16.♘d4



16...O-O-O!?

16...♘xd3 17.♕xd3 ♖d8 (17...O-O-O 18.♕e3 ♗g6 19.f4∞) 18.♕e3 O-O 19.f4∞16...♖d816...O-O

17.♗e2 ♗xe2 18.♘xe2 ♖he8 19.♘b3 ♗d6 20.♘xc5

20.♘ed4 ♘xe4 21.♖e1 ♘f6 22.♗g5=∞

20...♗xc5 21.♗f4 ♕e7 22.♘g3

22.e5 ♘c4∓

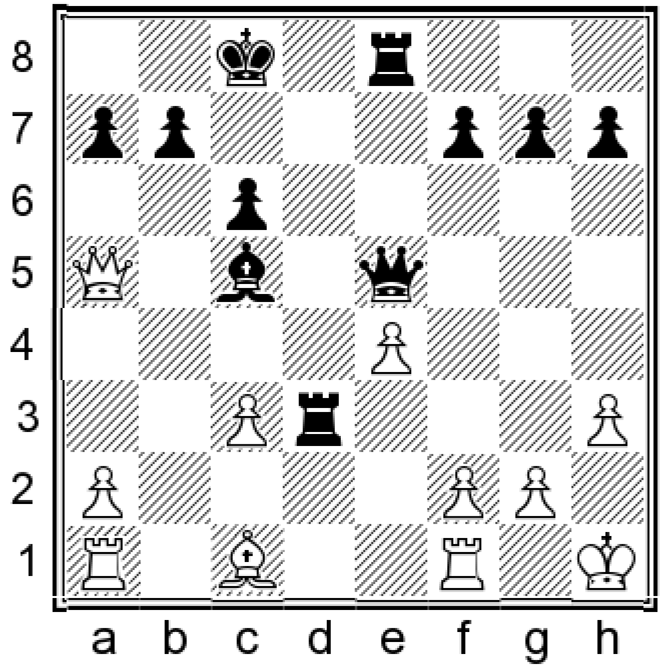
22...♕f6! 23.♗c1?!

23.♘f5 g6 24.♗e3 ♗xe3 25.♘xe3 ♕e5∓

23...♕d6!? 24.♕a4

24.♘f5 ♕d3 25.♕xd3 (25.♕a4? ♖xe4! 26.♕xa5 ♕xf1+ 27.♔xf1 ♖d1#) 25...♖xd3 26.♘xg7 ♖xe4∓24.♘e2 ♕d3∓

24...♕xg3 25.♕xa5 ♕e5 26.♔h1 ♖d3?



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27.♗f4! ♕xf4 28.♕xc5 ♔b8 29.f3 ♕e5

29...♖ed8∓

30.♕c4 ♖d7 31.♖ad1 ♖ed8 32.♖xd7 ♖xd7 33.f4?!

33.♕b3

33...♕b5! 34.♕xb5 cxb5 35.e5 ♖d5!?

35...♖d2 36.f5 ♖xa2 37.♖e1 ♔c7 38.e6 fxe6 39.fxe6 ♔d8 40.♖d1+ ♔e8 41.♖d7⇄

36.♖e1 ♔c7 37.f5 ♔d7∓ 38.♖e3 ♖d2 39.e6+ fxe6 40.♖g3 exf5 41.♖xg7+ ♔c6 42.♖xh7 ♖xa2 43.♖f7 a5 44.♖f6+ ♔c5 45.♖xf5+ ♔c4 46.h4 a4-+ 47.h5 ♖d2 48.h6 ♖d6

48...a3 49.h7 ♖d8 50.g4 ♖h8-+

49.♖h5 ♖d8 50.♖h4+

50.g4 a3 51.♖h2 ♖d1+ 52.♔g2 a2 53.h7 a1=Q 54.h8=Q ♖d2+-+

50...♔xc3 51.♖h3+ ♔b4 52.♖h4+ ♔a5 53.♖h3 b4 54.♖h5+ b5 55.h7 ♖h8 56.g4 b3 57.♔g2 b2 58.♖h1 ♖xh7 0-1

109. C54

Carlsen, Magnus (2853) - Karjakin, Sergey (2772)

New York (m/5) 130/109, 2016

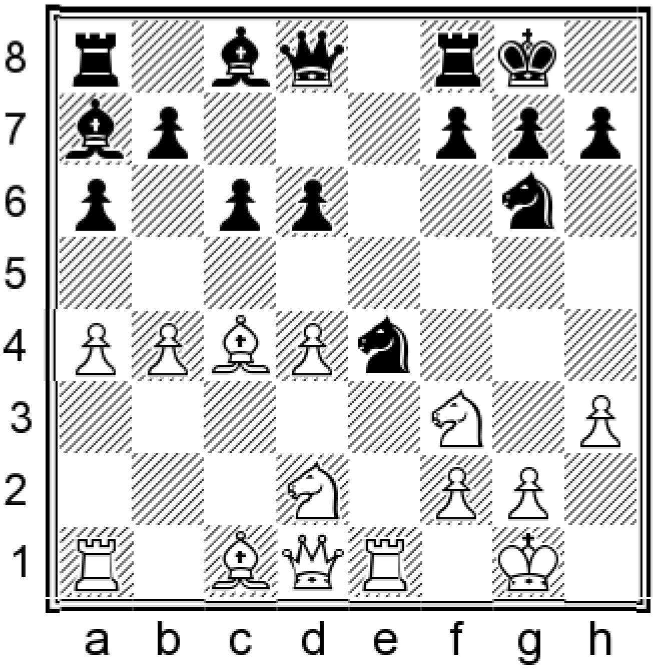
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.O-O ♘f6 5.d3 O-O 6.a4 d6 7.c3 a6 8.b4

8.♗g5 - 130/111

8...♗a7 9.♖e1 ♘e7 10.♘bd2 ♘g6 11.d4 c6 12.h3 exd4N

12...♖e8

13.cxd4 ♘xe4



13...d5 14.exd5 cxd5 15.♗d3 ♘f4 16.♘b3 ♘xd3 17.♕xd3 ♘e4=

14.♗xf7+!?

14.♘xe4 d5 15.♗d3 dxe4 16.♗xe4 ♗e6 17.b5 axb5 18.axb5 ♗d5 19.♗xd5 ♕xd5 20.bxc6 bxc6 21.♖a6 ♕b5 22.♕e2±

14...♖xf7 15.♘xe4 d5 16.♘c5 h6 17.♖a3 ♗f5 18.♘e5?!

18.♖ae3 ♕f6 19.♘e5 ♘xe5 20.dxe5 ♕h4 21.e6 ♖e7 22.♖f3↑

18...♘xe5 19.dxe5 ♕h4!

19...a5 20.♖f3! (20.e6 ♗xe6 21.♘xe6 ♗xf2+ 22.♔h1 ♗xe1 23.♘xd8 ♖f1+ 24.♔h2 ♗g3+ 25.♖xg3 ♖xd1 26.♗xh6 ♖xd8 27.♖xg7+ ♔h8-+) 20...axb4 21.e6 ♖e7 22.♘xb7 ♖xb7 23.♖xf5±

20.♖f3 ♗xc5?!

20...♗g6 21.♖xf7 ♗xf7 22.e6 ♗g6⇄

21.bxc5 ♖e8 22.♖f4 ♕e7 23.♕d4 ♖ef8 24.♖f3 ♗e4

24...♗e6 25.♖g3 ♔h8 26.♗e3=

25.♖xf7

25.♖g3 ♖xf2 26.♗xh6 ♖xg2+ 27.♖xg2 ♗xg2 28.♔xg2 gxh6∓

25...♕xf7 26.f3 ♗f5 27.♔h2

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27...♗e6 28.♖e2 ♕g6 29.♗e3 ♖f7 30.♖f2 ♕b1 31.♖b2 ♕f5 32.a5

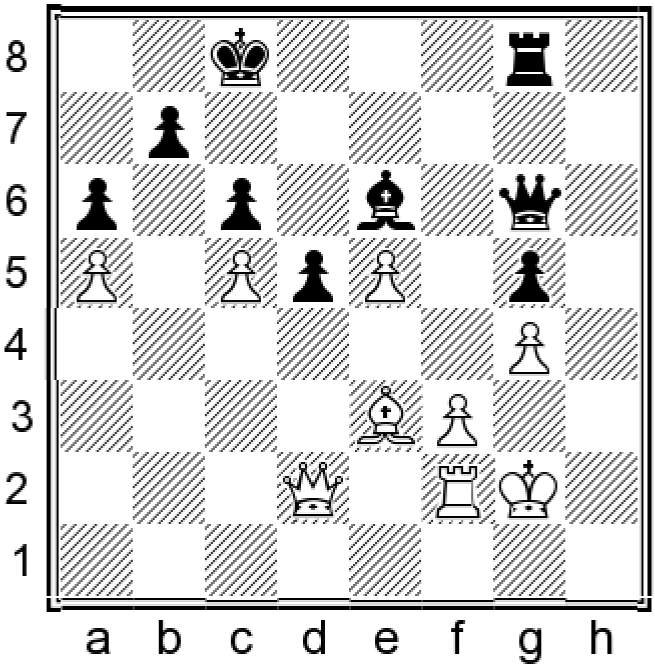
32.♕c3!? ♔f8 33.♖b4 ♔e8 34.♕b2 ♔d8 35.♖f4 ♕g6 36.♕b6+ ♔c8 37.♕a7! ♖xf4 38.♗xf4 ♕f5 39.♕a8+ ♔c7 40.♗d2

♗c8 (40...♕xe5+? 41.f4+-) 41.♗a5+ ♔d7 42.♕b8↑

32...♔f8! 33.♕c3 ♔e8 34.♖b4 g5 35.♖b2 ♔d8 36.♖f2 ♔c8 37.♕d4 ♕g6 38.g4?! h5 39.♕d2 ♖g7 40.♔g3 ♖g8 41.♔g2?

41.♕d4=

41...hxg4 42.hxg4



42.fxg4? ♕e4+-+

42...d4!

42...♕h7 43.♗xg5

43.♕xd4?

43.♗xd4! ♕h7! (43...♗xg4!? 44.fxg4 ♕e4+ 45.♔g3 ♖d8 46.♕xg5! ♕xd4 47.♕f5+ ♔b8 48.g5∞) 44.♔g1 ♕h3! (44...♖h8 45.♖h2!) 45.♕e2! ♖f8!∓ Shankland,Samuel L

43...♗d5

43...♕h6!?43...♖h8!↑ Δ ♕h6

44.e6 ♕xe6 45.♔g3 ♕e7?

45...♔b8! 46.♗d2∓ Shankland, Samuel L (46.♖h2? ♔a7!∓ 47.♖h8? ♖xh8 48.♕xh8 ♕xe3-+)

46.♖h2! ♕f7 47.f4 gxf4+ 48.♕xf4 ♕e7 49.♖h5 ♖f8 50.♖h7 ♖xf4 51.♖xe7 ♖e4 1/2-1/2

110. !N C54**
Harikrishna, Penteala (2752) - Karjakin, Sergey (2769)
Baku (ol) 130/110, 2016

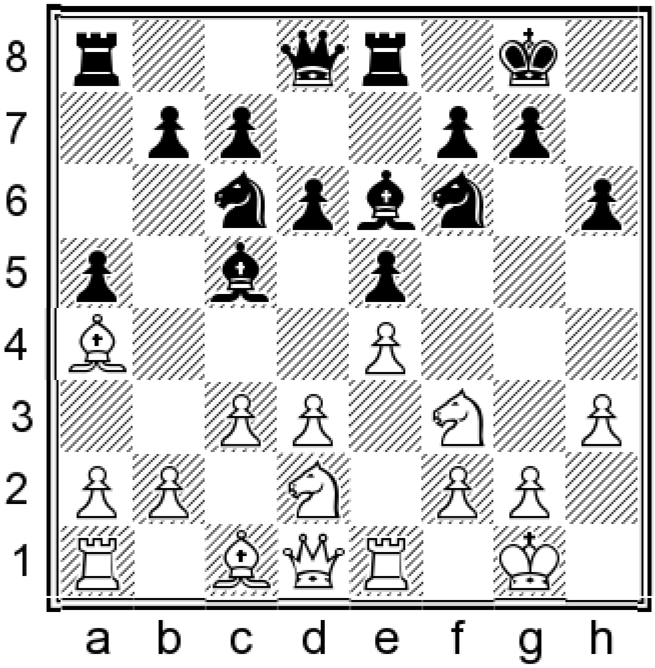
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.O-O ♘f6 5.d3 O-O 6.h3 d6 7.c3 h6 8.♖e1 a5!?

8...a6 - 127/115

9.♗b3

9.♘bd2 ♗e6?!N (9...a4! 10.♗b5 ♗d7! 11.♗xa4 (11.♘f1 ♘e7 12.♗xd7 ♕xd7=) 11...♖xa4! 12.♕xa4 ♘b4 13.♕d1 ♘xd3 14.♖f1 ♗c6! (14...♕a8!? 15.♘e1 ♘xf2 16.♖xf2 ♗xf2+ 17.♔xf2 ♕a7+ 18.♔g3 (18.♔f1 ♗b5+ 19.c4 ♘xe4! 20.♘xe4 ♗xc4+ 21.♘d3 ♕d4 22.♘f2 e4=∞) 18...♕g1 19.♕e2 d5=∞) 15.♕c2 ♘f4=∞) 10.♗b5 ♗d7 11.♘f1± Ganguly,S (2652)-Kravtsiv,M (2621) Berlin (rapid) 130/(110) 2015

9...♖e8 10.♘bd2 ♗e6 11.♗a4



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11...♗d711...♕b8!N 12.d4 (12.♗b5 ♕a7!⇄) (12.♗xc6 bxc6 13.d4 exd4 14.cxd4 ♗b6∞) 12...exd4 13.cxd4 b5! 14.dxc5 bxa4 15.cxd6 cxd6∞ Harika,D (2528)-Adams,M (2745) Douglas 130/ (110) 2016

12.♘f1 ♖b8?!

⌓12...♗d7

13.♗b5! ♗d7 14.♘g3 ♘e7 15.♗xd7 ♕xd7 16.d4± ♘g6 17.♗e3 exd4

17...♖a8 18.♕d2±

18.♗xd4 ♗xd4 19.cxd4 a4

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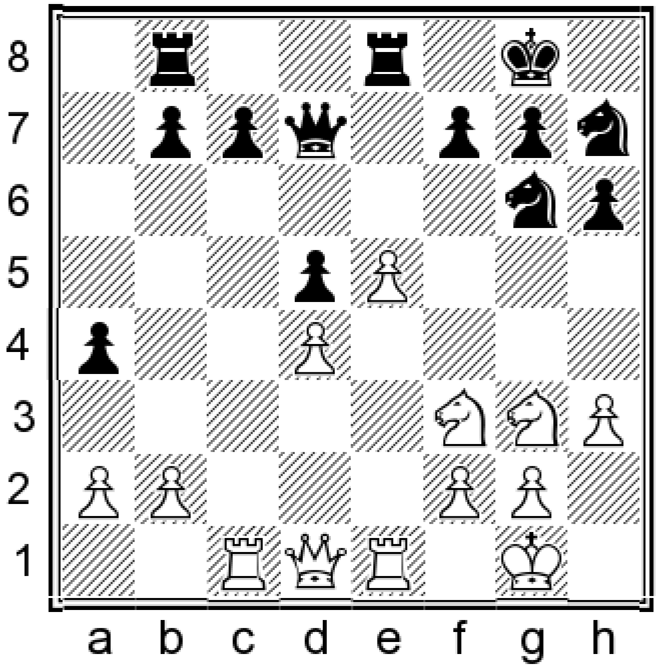
21.e5 ♘h7



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22...♘f4 23.♕d2!

23.♘h5!

23.♘g4?! ♘f4⇄23.♕d2?! ♘e4! 24.♘xe4 dxe4 25.♖xe4 ♘xe5=

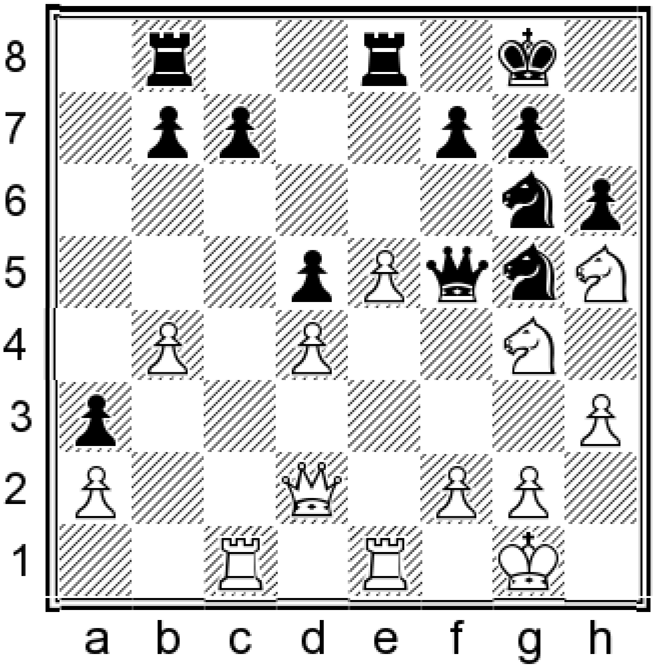
23...a3 24.b4

24.bxa3

24...♘e6?

24...♔h8 25.f4 ♘e4 26.♕g4 ♕xg4 27.♘xg4 c6 28.f5±24...♘h4 25.f4 (25.♘g4!?) 25...♘e4 26.♕g4 ♕xg4 27.hxg4 c6 28.f5±

25.♕d2! ♘g5 26.♘g4 ♕f5



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27.♘hf6+! ♔h8

27...gxf6? 28.♘xh6++-

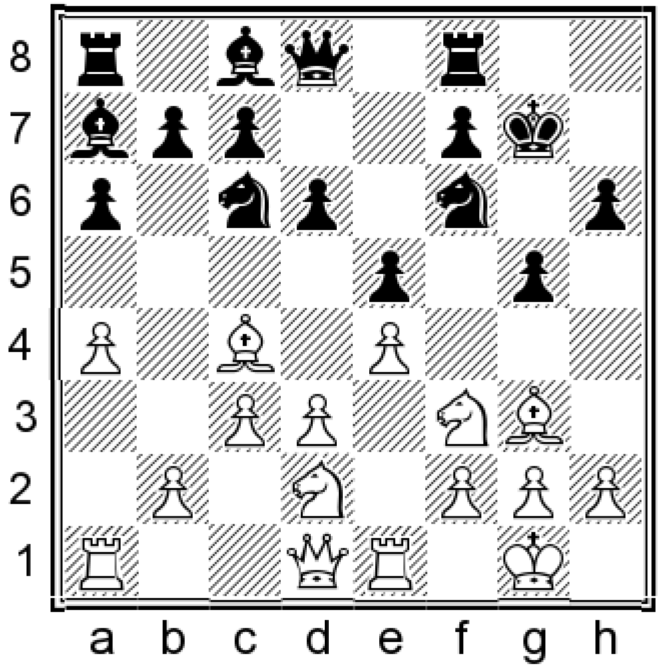
28.♘xe8 ♖xe8 29.♖xc7+- ♘f4 30.♕e3 ♘ge6 31.♖c3 ♕g6 32.♕g3 ♖a8 33.♔h2 h5 34.♘e3 ♕h7 35.♖ec1 ♕e4 36.♖c8+ ♖xc8 37.♖xc8+ ♔h7 38.♕f3 ♕xf3 39.gxf3 ♘xd4 40.♖c7 b5 41.♖xf7 ♘de6 42.♖d7 d4 43.♘c2 d3 44.♘e1 1-0

111.* C54
Van Foreest, Jorden (2615) - Leko, Peter (2709)
Douglas 130/111, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.O-O ♘f6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 a6 7.a4 O-O 8.♗g5 h6 9.♗h4 g5 10.♗g3 ♗a7 11.♘bd2 ♔g7

11...g4 - 128/113

12.♖e1



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13.d4! g4

13...exd4 14.♘xd4 ♘xd4 15.cxd4 ♗xd4 16.♘f3 ♗xb2 (16...♗f6 17.e5 dxe5 18.♕c2±) 17.♖b1 ♗c3 18.♖e3=∞

14.♘h4 exd4 15.cxd4 ♗xd4 16.♘f1 ♗f6

16...♗xb2 17.♖b1 ♗c3 18.♖e3 ♗b4 19.♖d3 ♗c5 20.♘e3↑

17.♘f5+ ♗xf5 18.exf5 h5 19.♗f4! ♗g5?!

19...♘e5 20.♗b3 ♗g5 21.f6+! ♔h8 (21...♗xf6 22.♘g3→) (21...♕xf6 22.♘g3 ♕g6 23.♗c2 f5 24.♗xe5+ dxe5 25.♖xe5±) 22.♗xe5 dxe5 23.♖xe5 ♕xf6 24.♕e2↑

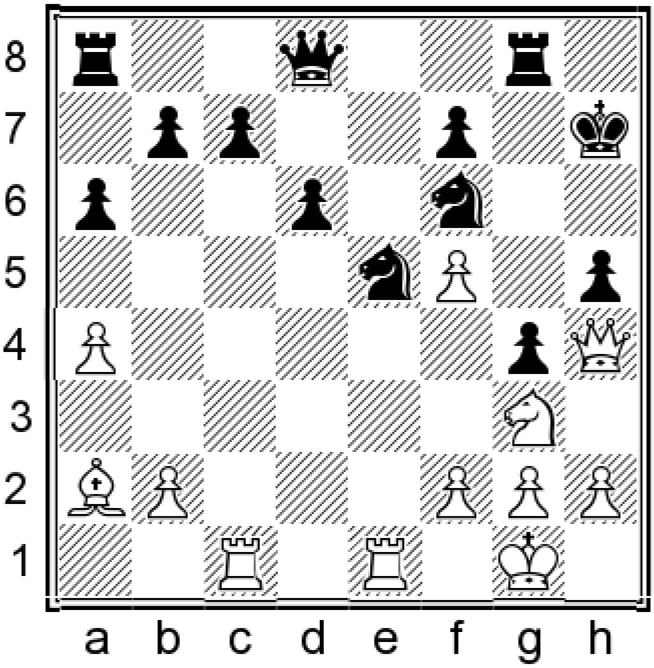
20.♘g3 ♔h6

20...♔h8 21.♘xh5 ♗xf4 22.♘xf4 ♕g5 23.♘d5±

21.♗c1± ♗xc1 22.♖xc1 ♘e5 23.♗a2

23.f6 ♕xf6 24.h4!→

23...♘f6 24.♕d2+ ♔h7 25.♕g5 ♖g8 26.♕h4



26...♘fd7?

26...♖g7! 27.♗b3! ♔g8 28.♖xe5! dxe5 29.♖d1 ♘d7 30.♕xh5 ♕e7 31.♘e4 ♕b4 32.♗d5→

27.♕xh5+ ♔g7 28.f6+!

28.♘e4!

28...♕xf6 29.♖xc7 ♔f8 30.♖xb7+- ♕g6 31.♕f5 ♕xf5 32.♘xf5 ♖g6 33.b4 ♖f6 34.♘e3 ♖c8 35.♗b1 ♖f4 36.♗f5 ♖b8 37.♖a7 ♘f6?!

⌓37...♘b6 38.♖xa6 ♘bc4 39.♗c2 ♘xe3 40.fxe3 ♖fxb4 41.♖xd6±

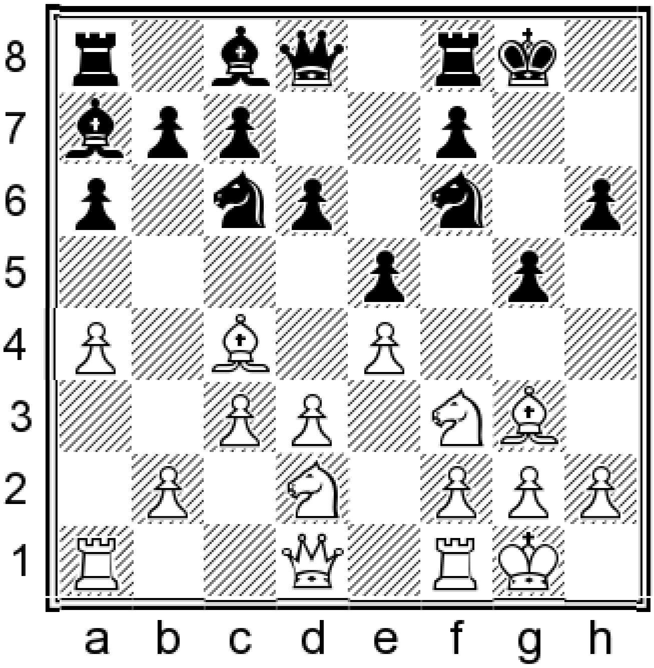
38.♖xa6 ♖bxb4 39.♖xd6 ♘e8 40.♖d5 f6 41.♗c2 ♖b2 42.♖a1 ♘c4 43.♖b5

43.a5 ♘xe3 44.fxe3 ♖c4 45.♗g6+-

43...♖xb5 44.axb5 ♘xe3 45.fxe3 ♖c4 46.♗g6 ♘d6 47.♖b1 g3 48.hxg3 ♖c7 49.♗d3 ♘c8 50.♔f2 ♘b6 51.♖a1 ♖d7 52.♖a6 ♖d6 53.♗e4 ♔e7 54.♔f3 1-0

112. C54
Topalov, Veselin (2760) - So, Wesley (2794)
London 130/112, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.c3 ♘f6 5.d3 a6 6.a4 d6 7.♗g5 ♗a7 8.♘bd2 h6 9.♗h4 g5 10.♗g3 O-O 11.O-O



11...♘h7!?N 12.h3 h5!? 13.d4 exd4

13...g4 14.♗h4 ♕d7 15.♘h2 exd4 16.cxd4 ♗xd4 17.♖a3!∞ ∆♗xb2 18.♖g3 ♗e5 19.f4!±

14.♘xd4 g4

⌓14...♘xd4 15.cxd4 h4 16.♗h2 ♗xd4 17.♘f3 ♗xb2 18.♖b1 ♗g7 19.e5 g4 (19...dxe5 20.♕c2↑) 20.hxg4 ♗xg4∞

15.hxg4?!

15.♘xc6 bxc6 16.h4 ♖e8 17.♖e1 ♘f8 18.♘b3 ♘g6 19.♘d4 ♗d7 20.♕d2↑

15...hxg4 16.♘xc6 bxc6 17.e5?!

17.♘b3 ♕g5 18.♖e1 ♘f6 19.♘d4 (19.e5? ♘h5!∓) 19...♗d7 (19...♘h5 20.♘xc6 ♘xg3 21.♘xa7±) 20.e5 ♘h5 21.e6! ♗xe6 22.♗xe6 ♗xd4 23.♗xg4 ♗a7 24.♗xh5 ♕xg3 25.♕f3±

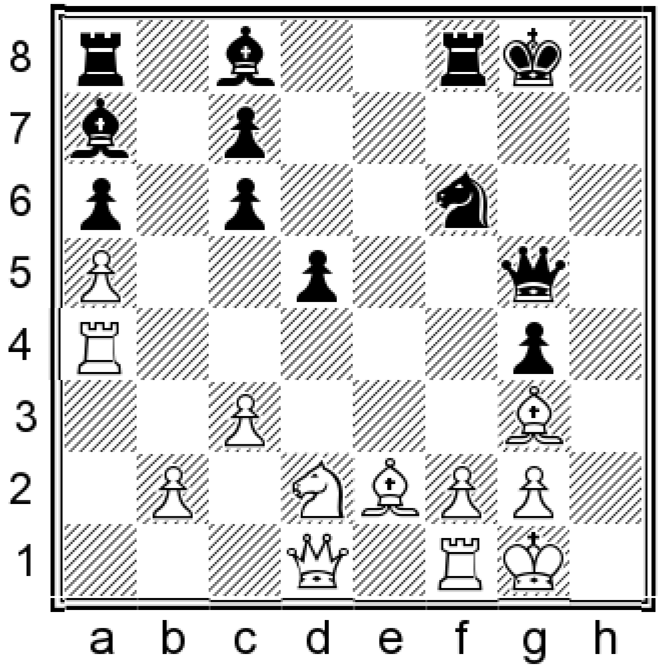
17...d5 18.♗e2?!

18.♗d3 ♕g5 19.♘b3 f5 20.exf6 ♘xf6 21.♕c1 ♕xc1 22.♖axc1 ♖b8 23.♘d4 ♖xb2 24.♘xc6 ♗c5∞

18...♕g5 19.a5?

19.♘b3 f5 20.exf6 ♘xf6 21.♕d2 ♕xd2 22.♘xd2 ♘h5 23.♗h4 (23.♗xc7 ♖f7∓) 23...♖b8∓

19...f5 20.exf6 ♘xf6 21.♖a4



21.♗xc7 ♔g7! 22.♗b6 ♖h8-+

21...♖f7!-+

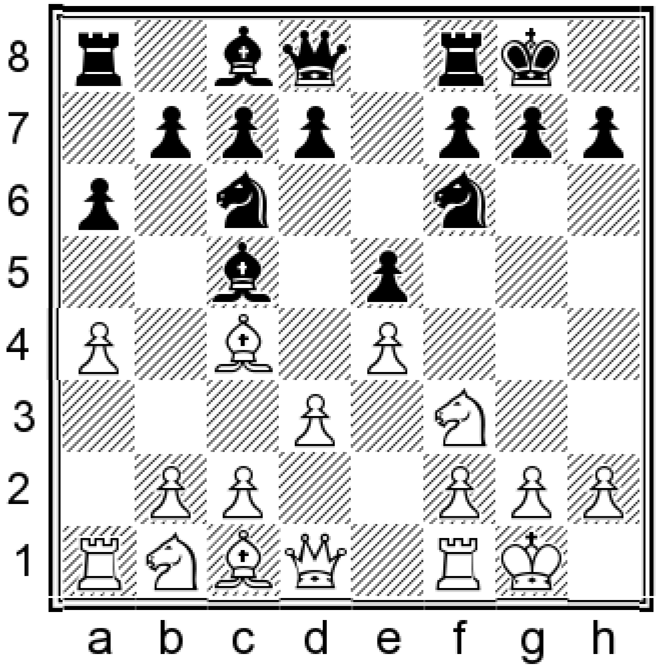
21...♘h5 22.♗xc7 g3 23.♗xh5 ♗xf2+ (23...gxf2+? 24.♔h1+-) 24.♖xf2 gxf2+ 25.♔f1 ♖a7→

22.♖e1 ♘h5 23.♗xg4 ♘xg3 24.♖e8+ ♔g7 25.♖xc8 ♗xf2+ 26.♔h2 ♕e5 27.♔h3 ♘e2 0-1

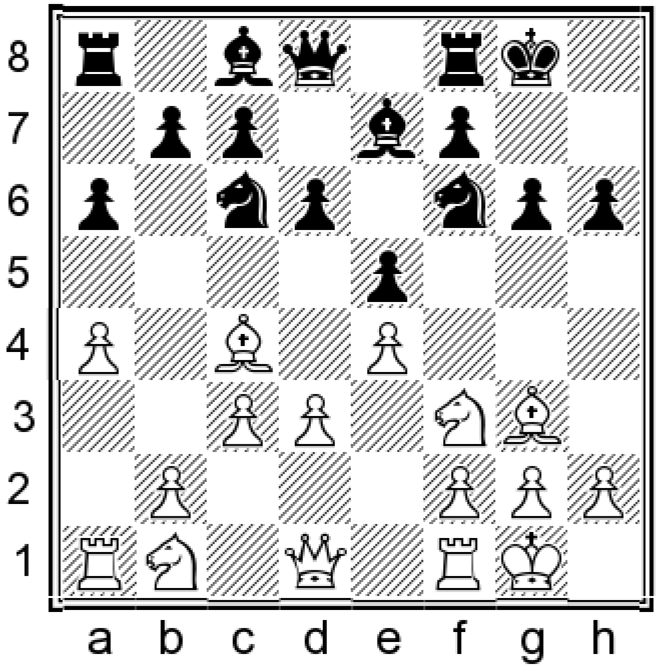
113.***** !N C54**
Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2740) - So, Wesley (2782)
Baku (ol) 130/113, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.O-O ♘f6 5.d3 O-O 6.a4 d6

6...a6



7.♗g5 'N!' Sokolov,Ivan. (7.c3) 7...h6 8.♗h4 ♗e7 9.c3N (9.♗g3 - 130/ (113) 9...d6 10.c3 g6



(10...♔h8N 11.♘bd2 ♘a5 12.♗a2 ♘h5 13.d4 ♘xg3 14.hxg3 ♘c6 15.dxe5 ♘xe5 16.♘xe5 dxe5= Landa,K (2599)-Van Foreest,L (2350) Nederland 130/(113) 2016) (10...♗e6 - 130/(113) 11.♗xe6 fxe6 12.b4 ♕e8 13.♘bd2 b6 14.♕b3 ♕d7 15.d4 exd4 16.cxd4 ♘d8 (16...d5 17.b5 axb5 18.axb5 ♖xa1 19.♖xa1 ♘a5∞) 17.♖ac1± Demchenko,A (2600)-Fedoseev,V (2670) Abu Dhabi 130/(113) 2016) 11.♘a3N (11.♘bd2 - 130/(113) 11...♘h5 12.b4 ♗f6 13.♖e1 ♘xg3 14.hxg3 ♗d7 15.♘f1 ♘e7 16.♘e3 b5 17.♗b3 ♗g7 18.♕d2 c6 19.d4⩲ Demchenko,A (2611)-Heimann,A (2588) Dresden 130/(113) 2016) 11...♘h5 12.♘c2 ♘xg3 13.hxg3 ♗f6 14.♘e3 ♗g7= Demchenko,A (2600)-Andriasian,Z (2621) Abu Dhabi 130/(113) 2016) 9...d5 10.♗xf6 dxc4 11.♗xe7 ♕xe7 12.dxc4 ♕f6 13.♕e2⩲ Demchenko,A (2611)-Lampert,J (2500) Dresden 130/(113) 2016

7.c3 a6 8.h3

8.♗e3 - 62/3498.♗g5 - 130/111

8...♗a7 9.♖e1 ♘e7

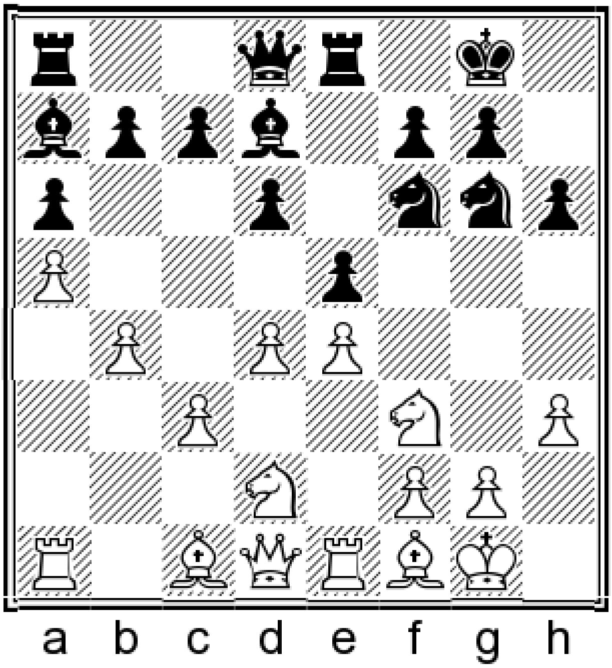
9...♗e6 10.♘bd2 ♘e7N (10...♕d7) 11.♗xe6 fxe6 12.♘f1 ♘g6 13.♘g3 ♕d7 14.d4 exd4 15.cxd4 b5 16.♗e3 (16.b4!?) 16...c5 17.axb5 axb5 18.dxc5 ♗xc5 19.♕b3 ♗xe3 20.♕xe3 e5 21.♖ad1 (21.♖ed1!?) 21...♔h8± So,W (2782)-Tari,A (2570) Baku (ol) 130/(113) 2016

10.d4N

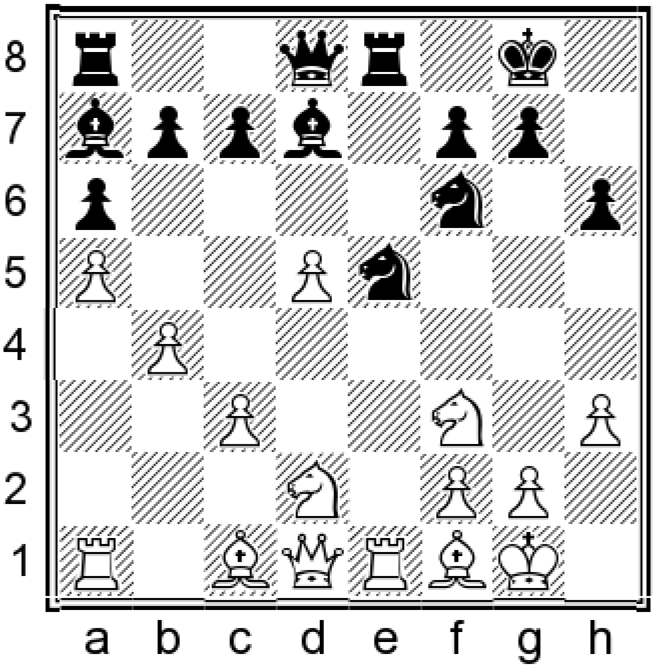
10.♘bd2 - 130/(113)

10...♘g6 11.♗d3

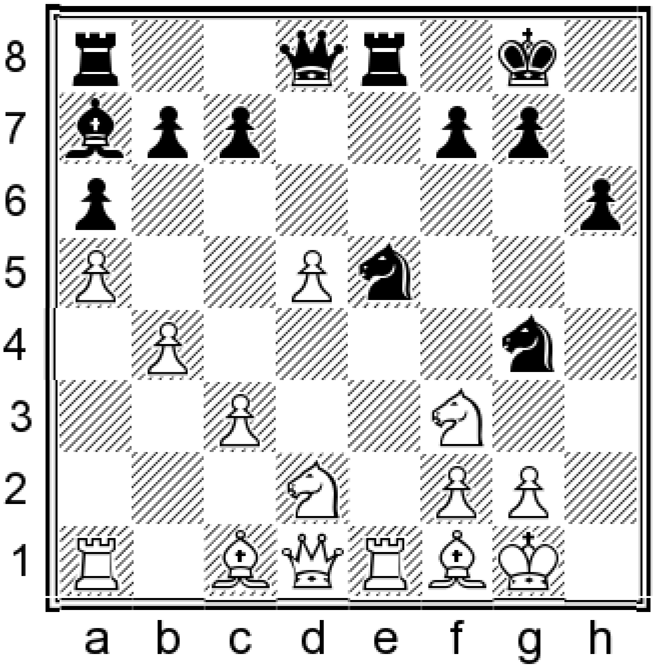
11.♘bd2 h6 12.♗f1!?N (12.♗a2 c5 (12...c6) 13.dxe5 dxe5=) (12.♘f1) 12...♖e8 13.a5 ♗d7 (13...d5 14.exd5 e4 (14...exd4 15.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 16.c4±) 15.♘h2 ♕xd5 16.♗c4 (16.♘c4) 16...♕d8 17.♘hf1∞) (13...c6 14.b4 (14.♕c2 d5 (14...♗e6)) 14...d5⇄) 14.b4



14...♗c6? (14...d5! 15.dxe5 (15.exd5 e4 16.♘h2 ♘xd5∓) 15...♘xe5 (15...♘xe4 16.♘xe4 dxe4 17.♖xe4 ♗c6 18.♖e1 ♕xd1 (18...♘xe5 19.♘xe5 ♕xd1 20.♖xd1 ♖xe5 21.c4 ♖ae8 22.c5±) 19.♖xd1 ♗xf3 20.gxf3 ♘xe5=) 16.exd5



16...♗g4! (16...♘xf3+ 17.♘xf3 ♘e4 18.♗e3 ♘xc3 19.♕d3 ♗xe3 20.♖xe3 ♖xe3 21.fxe3 ♘b5=) 17.hxg4 (17.c4 ♗xf3 18.♘xf3 (18.gxf3?? ♘xd5-+ 19.cxd5 ♕g5+ 20.♗g2 ♗xf2+ 21.♔xf2 ♘d3+) 18...♘xf3+ 19.gxf3 ♕d6⩱ 20.c5 ♕xd5 21.♕xd5 ♘xd5 22.♗d2 c6=) 17...♘fxg4



18.♖e2 (18.♘e4 ♘xf2 19.♘xf2 ♘xf3+ 20.gxf3 (20.♕xf3 ♖xe1 21.♗b2 ♖e3↑) 20...♗xf2+ 21.♔xf2 ♕h4+ 22.♔g2 ♖xe1 23.♕d4 ♕xd4 24.cxd4 ♖d1 25.♔f2 ♖xd4∓) 18...♘xf2 19.♖xf2 ♘g4 20.♘d4 ♕h4 21.g3 ♕xg3+ 22.♖g2 ♕e3+ 23.♔h1 ♕h3+=) 15.d5! ♗d7 16.c4 ♘f4 17.c5!↑ g5 (17...dxc5 18.♗b2 (18.♘c4 cxb4 19.♘cxe5∞) 18...cxb4 19.♘xe5↑) 18.♘c4 ♕e7 19.♗e3 (19.cxd6 cxd6 20.♗e3±) 19...♗b5 20.♖c1 ♘xe4 21.cxd6 ♘xd6 22.♗xf4 gxf4 (22...♗xc4 23.♗xe5 ♗xf1 24.♔xf1±) 23.♘cxe5+- Kramnik,V (2808)-Radjabov,T (2722) Baku (ol) 130/(113) 2016

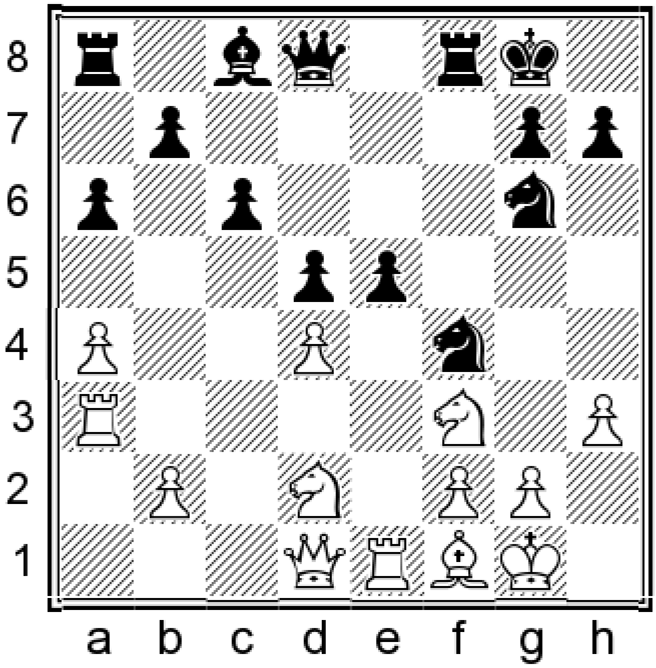
11...c6 12.♗e3 ♘h5 13.♘bd2 ♘hf4 14.♗f1 exd4 15.♗xd4

15.cxd4 d5 16.b4 dxe4 17.♘xe4 ♘d5 18.♗d2⩲

15...♗xd4 16.cxd4 d5

16...f5!? 17.♗c4+ ♔h8 18.e5 d5 (18...dxe5? 19.dxe5 ♗e6 20.♗xe6 ♘xe6 21.♘c4±) 19.♗f1 a5∞

17.e5 f6 18.♖a3 fxe5



19.dxe5?!

19.♘xe5 ♘xe5 20.♖xe5 ♘g6 (20...a5) 21.♖e1 ♗f5=

19...a5

19...c5 20.b4! b6 (20...cxb4 21.♖ae3) 21.♖c3 ♘e6 22.♘b3∞ (22.♕b3!?)

20.♕c1 ♕e7 21.♖b3 ♗f5 22.♘d4 ♘e6 23.♘xf5?

23.♘xe6 ♗xe6 24.g3∞

23...♖xf5 24.♗d3 ♖f4 25.♗xg6 hxg6∓ 26.♕d1

26.♖g3 ♖xa4 27.♕c2 ♖b4 28.♖xg6 ♖f8∓

26...♖af8 27.♖f3 ♕b4∓ 28.♖xf4 ♖xf4 29.♘f3 ♕xa4

29...♕xb2∓

30.♕d3 ♖f5 31.♕b1 ♕f4 32.♕c2 ♔h7 33.♖e3 ♕c4 34.♕d1

34.♖c3 ♕e4∓

34...♖f4 35.♖c3 ♕b4 36.♕c1 a4-+ 37.h4 ♔g8 38.♕b1 ♕e4 39.♕d1 ♘d4 40.♖e3

40.♘xd4 ♕xd4-+

40...♘xf3+ 41.gxf3 ♕f5 42.e6 ♖xh4! 43.♖e4

43.e7 ♕h3 44.e8=Q+ ♔h7 45.♕xg6+ ♔xg6 46.♕c2+ ♔f7-+

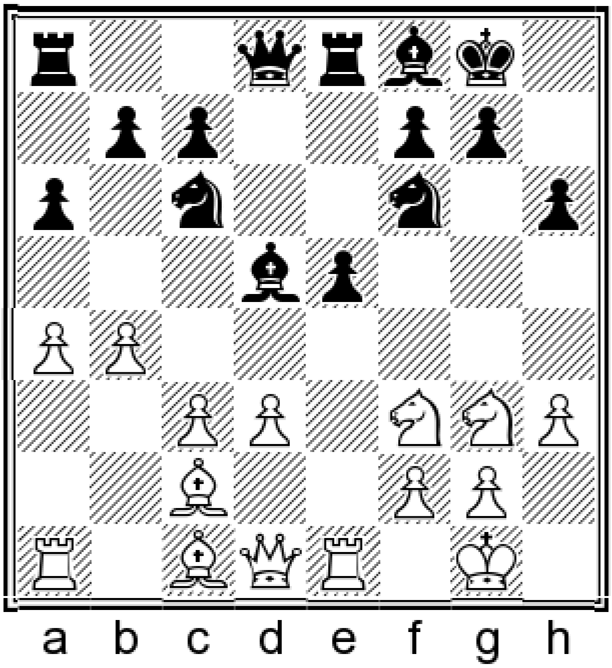
43...♖xe4 44.fxe4 ♕xe4 45.♕d2 ♕xe6 46.♕a5 ♕g4+ 47.♔f1 b5 48.♕c7 g5 49.♕b8+ ♔h7 50.♕d6 b4 0-1

114. C54
Kramnik, Vladimir (2808) - Anand, Viswanathan (2776)
Moscow 130/114, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗c5 4.O-O ♘f6 5.d3 O-O 6.h3 d6 7.c3 a6 8.♖e1 ♗a7 9.♗b3 h6 10.♘bd2 ♖e8 11.♘f1 ♗e6 12.♗c2 d5 13.exd5 ♗xd5 14.♘g3 ♗c5

14...♕d7 - 127/(117)

15.b4 ♗f8 16.a4



16...g6N

16...b5

17.♗b2 b5 18.♘e4 ♖b8 19.♗c1 ♘d7 20.♗b3 ♗xb3 21.♕xb3 ♖e6 22.axb5 axb5 23.♗e3 ♘f6

23...♕e8!? 24.♖a6 ♗g7 (24...♘d4?! 25.♖xe6 ♘xe6 (25...♘xf3+ 26.gxf3 ♕xe6 27.♕xe6 fxe6 28.♖a1±) (25...♘xb3 26.♖xe8 ♖xe8 27.♖b1 f5 28.♖xb3 fxe4 29.dxe4±) 26.♘xe5!±) 25.♕a2 ♔h8 26.♘fd2 f5 27.♘c5 ♘xc5 28.♗xc5⩲

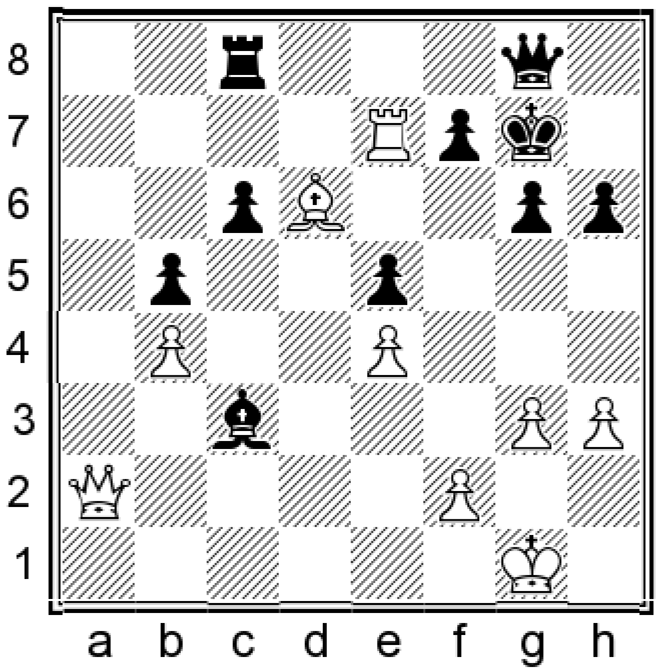
24.♖ad1 ♘xe4?!

⌓24...♘d5 25.♗c5 ♗g7∞

25.dxe4 ♕e8 26.♖d5 ♘d8 27.♖a1↑ ♘b7 28.♖a7 c6 29.♖d1 ♘d6 30.♘d2 ♖a8 31.♖da1 ♖xa7 32.♖xa7 ♖e7 33.♖a6 ♖c7 34.♕a2 ♔g7 35.♗b6 ♖b7 36.♗c5 ♗e7 37.♖a8 ♖b8 38.♖a7 ♖d8 39.♗b6 ♖c8 40.♗c7 ♕d7 41.♗b6 ♕e8 42.g3 ♗g5 43.♗c7 ♗xd2

⌓43...♗e7 44.c4⩲

44.♗xd6 ♗xc3 45.♖e7 ♕g8?!



45...♕f8 46.♕e6 ♖a8 47.♕d7 ♗d4 48.h4± (48.♕xc6? ♖a1+ 49.♔g2 ♖a2 50.♖e8 ♖xf2+ 51.♔h1 ♖f1+=) Δ48...♖a1+? 49.♔g2 ♖a2 50.♖e8 ♖xf2+ 51.♔h3+-

46.♕e6! ♕f8

46...♖a8 47.♗xe5+ ♗xe5 48.♕xe5+ ♔h7 49.♕f6+-

47.♔g2?!

47.♖c7! ♖xc7 48.♗xf8+ ♔xf8 49.♕d6+ ♖e7 50.f4 exf4 51.gxf4+-

47...♖d8?!

47...♖a8! 48.♕d7 ♗d4 49.h4 ♖c8 50.g4±

48.♗c5 ♗d4 49.♕xc6 ♔g8

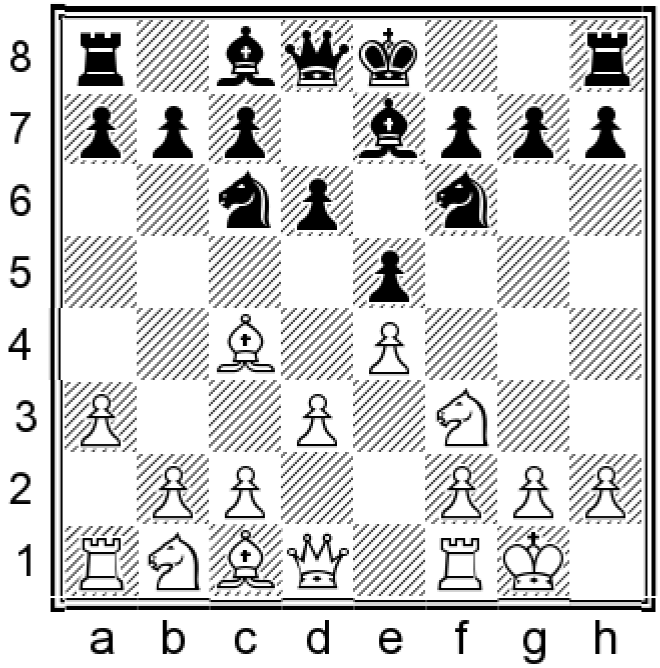
49...♗xc5 50.♕xc5 ♔g8 51.♕xe5+-

50.♕xb5 ♖b8 51.♖xf7!

51.♖xf7 ♖xb5 52.♖xf8+ ♔g7 53.♖c8+-1-0

115. C55
Nepomniachtchi, Ian (2740) - Aronian, Levon (2795)
Moscow 130/115, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗e7 5.O-O d6 6.a3!?



6.a4 - 105/ 257

6...♘d7!?N

6...♗g4

7.♗a2 O-O 8.♘c3 ♘b6 9.♘e2 ♗g4 10.c3 d5!

10...♗xf3 11.gxf3 ♗g5 12.f4 exf4 13.♘xf4 ♘e5 14.♘g2 ♗xc1 15.♖xc1±

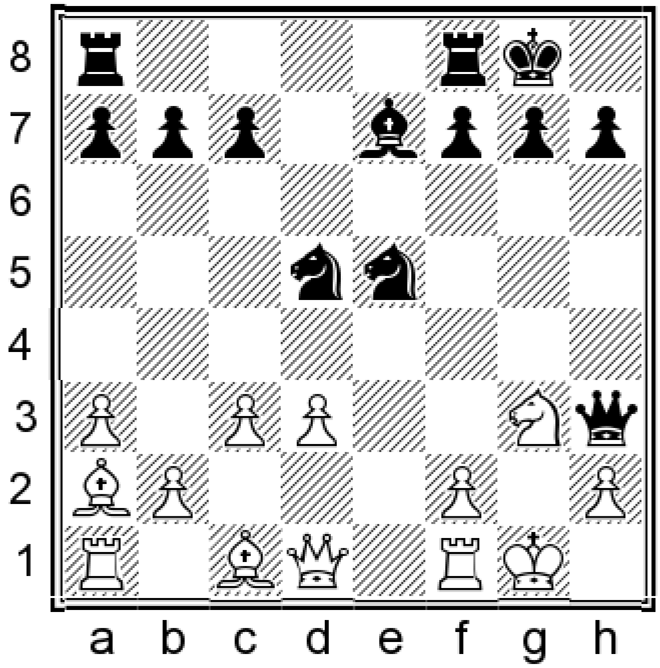
11.exd5

11.♘g3 dxe4 12.dxe4 ♕xd1 13.♖xd1 ♖ad8 14.♗e3 ♘a4=

11...♗xf3 12.gxf3?!

12.dxc6 ♗xc6 13.♘g3=

12...♘xd5 13.f4 ♕d7 14.fxe5 ♘xe5 15.♘g3 ♕h3?



15...c6! 16.f4 ♘g4 17.♕f3 ♖fe8 18.f5 ♘gf6∞ Δ ♗d6

16.♕h5?

16.♗xd5? ♘g4-+16.♖e1! ♘g4 17.♕f3! ♖ad8 (17...♕xh2+ 18.♔f1 ♕h3+ 19.♕g2 ♕xg2+ 20.♔xg2 ♘gf6 21.c4+-) 18.♗xd5 ♖xd5 19.♖xe7 ♖xd3 20.♗e3 ♕xh2+ 21.♔f1±

16...♕xh5 17.♘xh5 ♖ad8 18.♖d1 c5

18...♖fe8!?

19.♔g2 ♘f6

19...♖d7!?

20.♖e1! ♘g6

20...♘xd3 21.♖xe7 ♘xh5 22.♖xb7 ♘xc1 23.♖xc1 ♘f4+ 24.♔f3±20...♘c6 21.♘f4 (21.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 22.♗e3 ♘e5! 23.♗xc5 ♘xd3 24.♗xf8 ♘xe1+ 25.♖xe1 ♔xf8=) 21...♗d6=

21.♘f4 ♘h4+ 22.♔h3 ♘f5 23.d4!? ♖fe8 24.♘e6 fxe6 25.♗xe6+ ♔f8 26.♗xf5 cxd4 27.cxd4

27.c4 ♗d6∞

27...♖xd4 28.♔g2 ♖d5 29.♗h3

29.♗e6 ♗c5 30.♗f4 ♘h5!∞29.♗c2 ♖ed8=

29...a5 30.♗e3 ♗c5 31.♗f4 ♖xe1 32.♖xe1 ♗d6 33.♗c1 ♖e5 34.♖d1 ♖d5 35.♖xd5 ♘xd5 36.♗f5 b6 37.b3

37.♗xh7 g6 38.♗xg6 ♗f4 39.♗e4 ♗xc1 40.♗xd5 a4!=

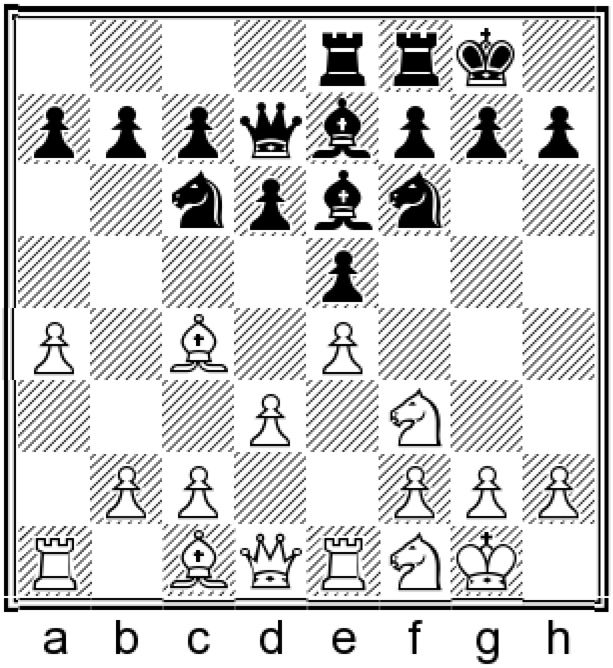
37...g6 38.♗e4 ♘f4+ 39.♔f3 ♘e6 40.♗d5 ♔e7 41.h4 ♗c5 42.a4 ♔d6 43.♗c4 1/2-1/2

116.* C55
Eggleston, David (2376) - Hebden, Mark (2509)
Great Britain (ch) 130/116, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗e7 5.O-O O-O 6.♖e1 d6 7.a4! ♗e6 8.♘bd2 ♕d7 9.♘f1

9.c3 ♖fe8 10.♕b3 (10.b4 - 100/225) 10...♗f8?!N (10...d5!? 11.exd5 ♗xd5 12.a5!±) 11.♗xe6 fxe6?! (11...♖xe6 12.♘g5 ♖ee8 13.♕xb7 h6 14.♘gf3 ♖ab8 15.♕a6 d5≅) 12.♕xb7 ♖ab8 13.♕a6 d5 14.a5± Tan,J (2438)-Hebden,M (2509) Great Britain (ch) 130/(116) 2016

9...♖ae8



10.♗g5N

10.♘g3 - 100/224

10...♘g4 11.♘g3

11.♗xe6 fxe6 12.♗xe7 ♖xe7 13.c3=

11...♗xc4 12.dxc4 ♗xg5 13.♘xg5 ♘h6 14.c3 f6 15.♘f3 f5!?

15...♘d8!? Δ ♘e6

16.exf5 ♘xf5 17.♕d5+ ♔h8 18.c5 ♘fe7! 19.♕d1 ♘g6! 20.cxd6 cxd6 21.c4

21.b4! d5! (21...♘f4?! 22.b5±) 22.c4 d4 23.b5 ♘a5 24.♖c1=

21...♘f4! 22.♖a3 ♖d8?!

22...♖e6!?22...♘d4 23.♘xd4 exd4 24.♘e4 d3∓

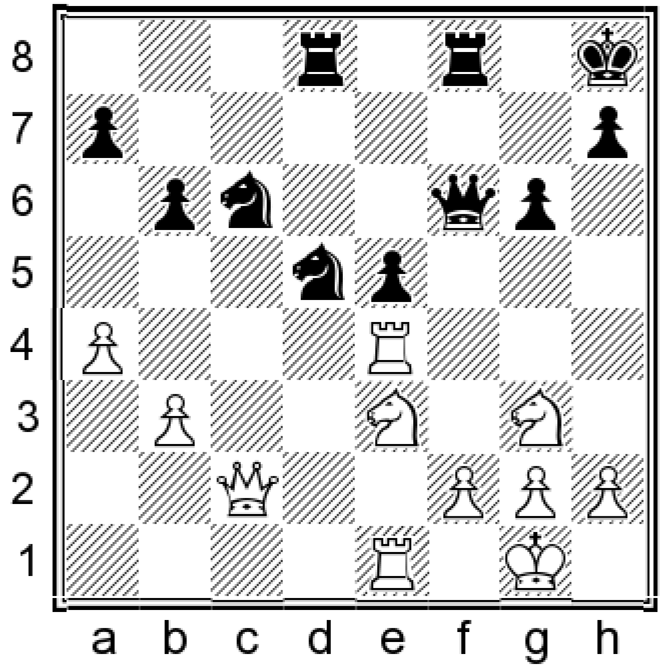
23.♖ae3 b6 24.b3 ♕g4 25.♖e4?!

25.h3 ♕g6 26.♕b1=

25...♕g6 26.♘h4?! ♕f6 27.♘hf5!

27.♘f3? d5 28.cxd5 ♖xd5 29.♕c2 ♘xg2-+

27...d5 28.cxd5 ♘xd5 29.♕c2 g6 30.♘e3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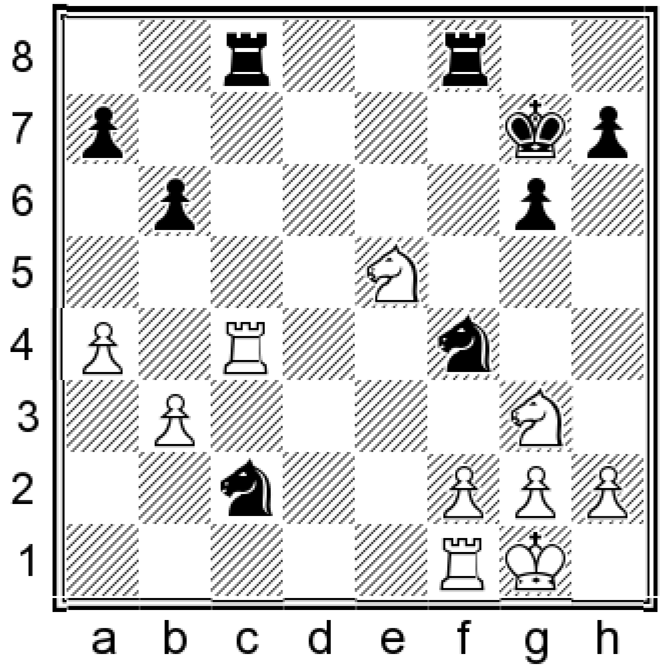
30...♘d4?

30...♘cb4! 31.♕d2 (31.♕b2 ♘d3) (31.♕e2 ♘c3) (31.♘xd5 ♘xc2 32.♘xf6 ♘xe1-+) 31...♘xe3 32.♕xe3 ♘c2-+

31.♕b2 ♘f4? 32.♘g4! ♕c6

32...♕g7 33.♘xe5 ♘c6 34.♕a1±

33.♘xe5 ♕c2 34.♕xc2 ♘xc2 35.♖f1 ♔g7 36.♖c4 ♖c8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37.♖d1

37.♘f5+! gxf5 38.♖xf4±

37...♖xc4 38.bxc4 ♖e8 39.♘c6 a5 40.♔f1?!

40.c5 bxc5 41.♘xa5 ♖a8 42.♘b7 c4 43.a5±

40...h5?!

40...♘d3!

41.h4 ♔h6

41...♘d3 42.♘e2 ♘c5 43.♘f4±

42.♘d4 ♘a3?!

42...♘b4

43.♘f3! ♖c8?

⌓43...♘e6

44.♘e4 ♘xc4 45.♘eg5 ♘b2 46.♖d7 ♖c1+ 47.♘e1 ♖xe1+ 48.♔xe1 ♘xg2+ 49.♔f1

49.♔f1 ♘xh4 50.f4!+-1-0

117. C65**
Svidler, Peter (2745) - Inarkiev, Ernesto (2732)
Russia (ch) 130/117, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.c3 d5 6.exd5

6.♕e2 - 126/104

6...♕xd5 7.♗c4 ♕d6 8.♕e2

8.b4 ♗b6 9.O-ON (9.♗a3 e4 10.b5 ♗c5∞) 9...O-O (9...e4 10.dxe4 ♕xd1 11.♖xd1 ♘xe4=) 10.♘bd2 (10.♗a3±) 10...♗f5 11.♕e2 (11.♕c2 a6 12.a4 ♖ad8 13.♘e4 ♘xe4 14.dxe4 ♗g4=) 11...♘d5↑ Smirnov,A (2464)-Melkumyan,H (2653) Canberra 130/(117) 2016

8...O-ON

8...♗e6

9.♘bd2 a5

9...a6! 10.O-O ♗f5= (10...♗e6=)

10.♘g5!

10.♘e4 ♘xe4 11.♕xe4 h6 12.O-O ♗e6 13.♖e1 ♗xc4 14.♕xc4 ♖ad8=

10...♕e7?!N

10...♗f5 - 130/(117) 11.♘de4 ♘xe4 12.♘xe4 (12.dxe4 ♗g6 13.h4 h6 14.h5 ♗h7 15.♘xh7 ♔xh7 16.♗d2! a4 17.O-O-O±) 12...♗xe4 13.dxe4 ♘d8 14.♗d2 c6 15.a4 ♘e6= Topalov,V (2761)-Aronian,L (2792) Saint Louis 130/(117) 2016

11.♘de4 ♗d6

11...♗b6 12.a4 ♗f5 13.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 14.g4±

12.a4 h6

12...♘d8 13.h4±

13.h4! ♘d8

13...hxg5? 14.hxg5 ♘g4 15.♕f3+-⌓13...♔h8! 14.♘xf6 ♕xf6 15.♕e4 ♗f5 16.♕f3±

14.♕f3?!

14.g4! ♘e6 (14...♘xg4 15.♖g1 ♘f6 16.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 17.♘e4 ♕xh4 18.♕f3±) 15.♘xf6+ ♕xf6 16.♘e4 ♕g6 17.h5 ♕h7 18.♖g1±

14...♘g4

⌓14...♘e8 15.♕h5 ♕d7 16.♗e3 ♕g4±

15.♕e2

15.b3 ♔h8 16.♘xd6 cxd6 17.♗a3 ♘f6 18.♘e4±

15...♔h8 16.f3 ♘f6 17.♘xf6 ♕xf6 18.g4 ♘e6?!

⌓18...♕e7 19.♘e4 (19.♕e4 f5⇄) 19...♗d7 (19...♗e6 20.g5 h5 21.♗xe6 ♘xe6 22.f4↑) 20.g5 h5 21.♖g1 ♗f5±

19.♕e4!+- ♘xg5

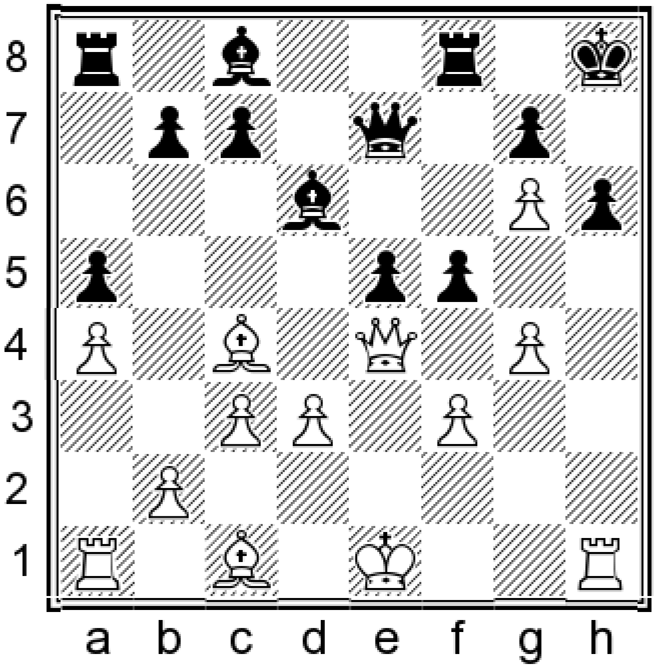
19...g6 20.♘xe6 ♗xe6 21.♗xh6 ♖fe8 22.♗g5 ♕g7 23.♗xe6 ♖xe6 24.h5+-

20.hxg5 ♕e7

20...♕g6 21.♕e2 ♕h7 22.♗d5 f6 23.gxf6 ♖xf6 24.♗e3+-

21.♗d2?

21.g6! f5

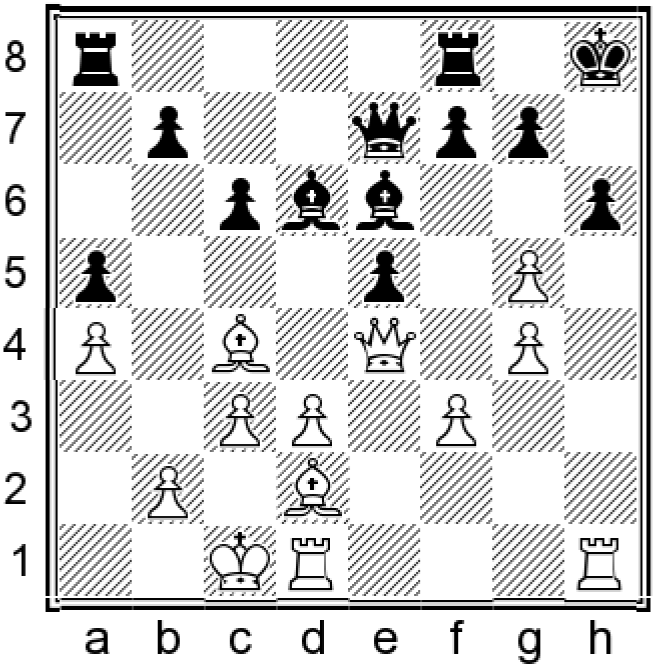


22.♗xh6!! gxh6 (22...fxe4 23.♗g5#) 23.♖xh6+ ♔g7 24.♕e3! (24.♖h7+? ♔xg6 25.gxf5+ ♗xf5 26.♖xe7 ♗xe4 27.♖e6+ ♖f6 28.fxe4±) 24...f4 25.♖h7+ ♔f6 26.♕e4 ♕e8 27.g7+-

21...♗e6

21...f5 22.gxf6 ♕xf6 23.♖h3 ♗e6 24.O-O-O ♖fe8 25.♖hh1+-

22.O-O-O c6



22...♗xc4 23.dxc4 ♖ac8 24.♖he1 b6 25.f4+-

23.g6?!

23.♖h5!? (Δ ♖dh1) 23...♗xc4 24.dxc4 g6 25.♖xh6+ ♔g7 26.♕e1+-23.♖xh6+!! gxh6 24.♖h1 f5 25.gxf6 ♖xf6 26.g5 ♗f5 27.gxf6 ♕xf6 28.♕e3 ♗f8 29.f4 exf4 30.♕xf4 ♗g7 31.♗e3+-

23...fxg6

23...♗d5 24.♗xh6 ♔g8 (24...♗xe4 25.♗g5++-) 25.♗d2 ♗xe4 26.fxe4 b5 27.axb5 cxb5 28.♗d5 ♕f6 29.gxf7+ ♕xf7 (29...♖xf7 30.♗xa8+-) 30.♖df1 ♕xd5 31.exd5±

24.♕xg6?!

24.♗xh6! ♔g8! (24...gxh6?? 25.♖xh6+ (25.♕xg6 ♕g7 26.♖xh6++-) 25...♔g8 26.♕xg6+ ♕g7 27.♕xe6+ ♖f7 28.♖dh1+-) 25.♕xg6 (25.♗e3±) 25...♖f6 26.♕e4 ♗xc4 27.♕xc4+ ♕e6 28.♗g5 ♕xc4 29.dxc4 ♖e6 30.♔d2+-

24...♖f6

24...♕f6 25.♕xf6 ♖xf6 26.g5±

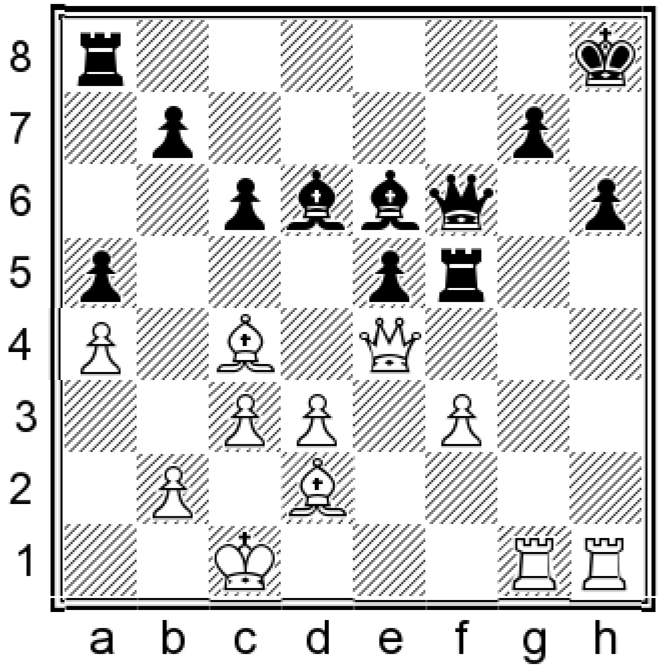
25.♕e4 ♕f7

25...♗xc4 26.dxc4 ♕e6 27.g5 ♖f5 28.♗e3 (28.gxh6 g6 29.h7 ♗c5 30.♔c2±) 28...♖af8 29.gxh6 g6 30.h7±

26.g5 ♖f5 27.g6!+-

27.gxh6 g6 28.♗xe6 ♕xe6 29.h7 ♖af8 30.♖dg1±27.♗xe6 ♕xe6 28.♖dg1 ♖af8 29.♔c2+-

27...♕xg6 28.♖dg1 ♕f6



29.♖xg7!

29.♗xe6 ♕xe6 30.♖xg7 ♔xg7 31.♖xh6 ♖f6 32.♕h7+ ♔f8 33.♕h8+ ♔e7 34.♖h7++-

29...♔xg7 30.♖xh6 ♕xh6

30...♗xc4 31.♕g4+ ♔f7 32.♕xc4+ ♔g7 33.♖xf6 ♔xf6 34.d4 exd4 35.♕xd4+ ♔e6 36.♕e4+ ♖e5 37.♕g4+ ♖f5 38.♗h6 ♖h8 39.♕e4+ ♗e5 40.♗e3 ♖hf8 41.f4+-

31.♗xh6+ ♔xh6 32.♕h4+ ♔g7 33.♗xe6 ♖f6 34.♗c4

34.♗c8! ♖g6 35.♕d8 ♖b8 36.♕d7+ ♔h8 37.♔b1+-

34...♖e8

34...♖g6 35.♕h3+-

35.♔b1!

35.♕g4+ ♖g6 36.♕d7+ ♖e7 37.♕c8+-

35...♖e7 36.♔a2 ♖g6 37.d4 ♖h6 38.♕e4 exd4 39.♕xd4+ ♖f6 40.♕g4+ ♖g6 41.♕f5 ♗c7 42.♗d3

42.f4 b5 43.axb5 cxb5 44.♗xb5 ♖f7 45.♕e4 ♖xf4 46.♕b7 ♖f7 47.♗e8+-

42...♖g3

42...♖ee6 43.♕h5 ♖h6 44.♕g4+ ♔f8 45.♗c4 ♖d6 46.♕c8+ ♗d8 47.♕xb7+-

43.f4

43.♕c8+-

43...♖f7

43...♖xd3 44.♕xd3 ♗xf4 45.♕d8 ♗g5 46.♕xa5+-

44.♕h7+ ♔f8 45.♕h6+ ♖gg7 46.♗c4 ♗xf4 47.♕e6 ♖c7 48.♕f6+ ♖gf7 49.♗xf7 ♖xf7 50.♕d8+ ♔g7 51.♕xa5+- ♔f6

52.♕d8+ ♔e6 53.♕e8+ ♖e7 54.♕g6+ ♔e5 55.b4 ♗e3 56.♔b3 ♗a7 57.a5 ♗e3 58.c4 ♖d7 59.♕e8+ 1-0

118. C65

Papadopoulos, Ioannis K (2410) - Mastrovasilis, Athanasios (2541)
Greece 130/118, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.♗xc6 dxc6 6.O-O

6.♕e2!?

6...♕e7

6...♗g4 - 110/165

7.♘bd2 ♗g4 8.♘c4 O-O-O 9.♕e2

9.♘cxe5 ♗xf3 10.♘xf3 ♘xe4=

9...♘d7 10.♗e3

10.a3 h5!? 11.b4 (11.h3 g5!∞) 11...♗d4 12.♖b1 g5∞

10...f6

10...♕f6?! 11.♗xc5 (11.h3 ♗xf3 12.♕xf3 ♕xf3 13.gxf3 13...♗xe3 14.fxe3) 11...♘xc5 12.♕e3 ♗xf3 13.♕xc5 ♕g6 14.♘e3 ♔b8 15.♕xe5±

11.a3 ♘f8

11...g5

12.♗xc5N

12.b4 ♗d4 (12...♗xe3 13.fxe3) 13.♗xd4 exd4∞

12...♕xc5 13.b4

13.♕e3 ♕xe3 (13...♘e6 14.b4 ♕xe3 15.fxe3∞) 14.fxe3 ♗e6 15.♘cd2∞

13...♕e7 14.♕e3 ♔b8 15.♘fd2 ♘e6 16.♖fb1!? Δ a4, b5 **16...♘d4 17.♖b2 h5 18.a4 h4**

18...b6 19.b5 cxb5 (19...c5 20.a5→) 20.axb5 ♕e8∞

19.b5 c5

19...cxb5?! 20.axb5 b6 21.♘b3 ♘xb5 22.♘c5 c6 23.♘a5→

20.a5 g5

20...b6 21.axb6 (21.♖ba2) 21...cxb6 22.♖ba2 g5 23.♘xb6 axb6 24.♖a8+

21.♕e1!?

21.b6 cxb6 22.axb6 a6 23.♘b3 h3 24.g3 ♘xb3 25.♖xb3 ♗e6!∓

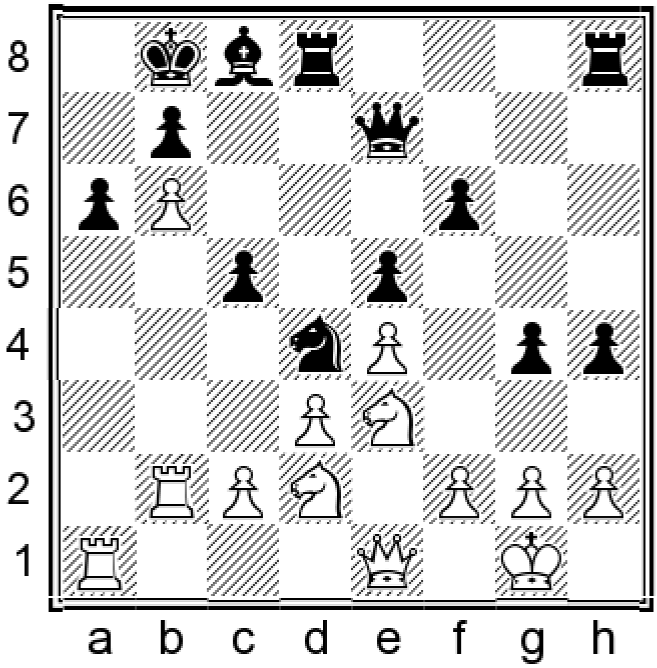
21...♗c8

21...h3 22.g3 ♘f3+ 23.♘xf3 ♗xf3 24.♘e3∞

22.♘e3 g4 23.b6

23.c3 ♘e6 24.♘d5 ♖xd5! (24...♕g7 25.b6 cxb6 26.axb6 a6 27.♘b3 g3 (27...♘f4? 28.♘xf4 exf4 29.♘xc5 g3 30.♖xa6! bxa6 31.b7+-) 28.fxg3 hxg3 29.♕xg3±) 25.exd5 ♘f4↑ 26.♕e4 f5 27.♕c4 g3 28.fxg3 hxg3 29.hxg3 ♘e2+ (29...♕h7 30.gxf4 ♕h1+ 31.♔f2 ♕h4+=) 30.♔f2 ♘xg3 31.♔xg3 f4+ 32.♔f2 ♕h4+→23.♘d5 ♕g7 24.b6 (24.c3? ♘f3+! 25.♘xf3 gxf3 26.g3 f5! 27.b6 cxb6 28.axb6 a6→) 24...cxb6 25.axb6 a6 26.♔h1 (26.♘c7? ♘f3+-+) 26...f5 (26...g3 27.h3 f5∞) 27.c3 ♘c6∞

23...cxb6 24.axb6 a6



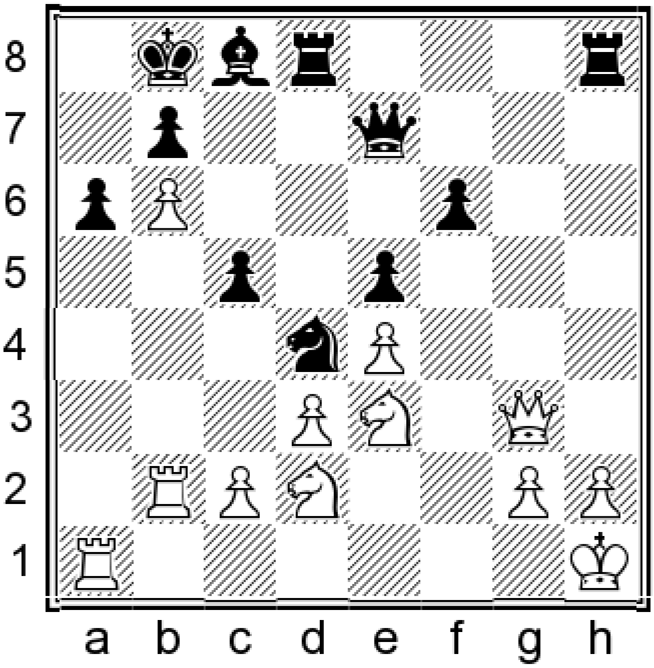
25.♔h1?!

25.♘d5 ♕g7 26.c3 ♘f3+!→ 27.♘xf3 (27.gxf3 gxf3+) 27...gxf3 28.g3 f5!-+25.c3 ♘e6 (25...♘c6 26.♘d5 ♕g7 27.♘b3↑) 26.♘d5 ♖xd5 (26...♕g7 27.♘b3) 27.exd5 ♘f4 28.♕e4 f5 29.♕c4 g3 30.fxg3 hxg3 31.hxg3 ♘e2+ 32.♔f2 ♘xg3 33.♔xg3 f4+ 34.♔f3 ♕g5 35.♕xc5 ♕g3+ 36.♔e4 ♗f5+ 37.♔xe5 f3+ 38.♔d4 ♕f2+ 39.♔c4 ♖c8 40.♕xc8+ ♔xc8 41.gxf3±

25...g3! 26.fxg3?

26.h3 ♗e6→26.♘d5 ♖xd5 (26...♕g7 27.h3 f5 28.c3 ♘e6 29.♘f3∞) 27.exd5 h3 28.fxg3 hxg2+ 29.♔xg2 ♕d7 30.♕f2 ♕xd5+ 31.♔g1 ♗g4=∞

26...hxg3 27.♕xg3?



27.♘df1

27...♘e2!

27...♘e2 28.♕f3 ♖xh2+! 29.♔xh2 ♖h8+-+0-1

119.* C65
Hansen, Eric (2582) - Shankland, Samuel L (2679)
Baku (ol) 130/119, 2016

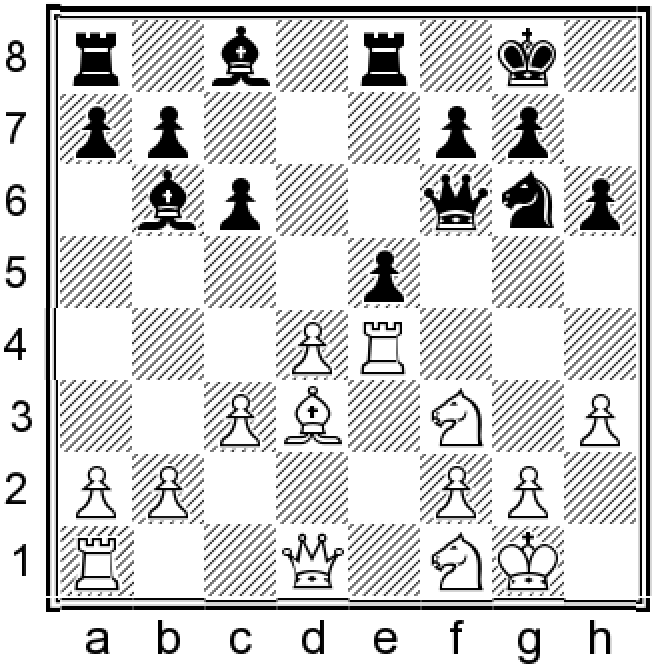
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.c3 O-O 6.O-O d6 7.h3 ♘e7 8.d4 ♗b6 9.♗d3 ♘g6 10.♖e1 ♖e8 11.♘bd2 c6 12.♘f1 d5 13.♗g5 dxe4

13...exd4 14.e5 h6 15.♗xf6 gxf6 16.cxd4 fxe5 17.dxe5 Δ ♕c1, ♘g3↑

14.♖xe4 h6 'N' Hansen,Eric.

14...♗f5 15.♖e3 (15.♖e1 ♗xd3 16.♕xd3 h6 17.♗xf6 ♕xf6 18.♘g3 ♘f4 19.♕f5 ♕xf5 20.♘xf5 exd4 21.♘3xd4 ♘d3∓ - 112/(182)) 15...♗xd3 16.♕xd3∞

15.♗xf6 ♕xf6



16.♖e1N

16.♖e3 - 130/(119) 16...♗f5 17.♗xf5 ♕xf5 18.♘g3 ♕d7 19.♘xe5 ♘xe5 20.♖xe5 ♖xe5 21.dxe5 ♕e7 22.♕h5 g6 23.♕e2 ♕g5= Karjakin,S (2773)-So,W (2770) Bilbao 130/(119) 2016

16...♗f5 17.♗xf5 ♕xf5 18.♘g3 ♕f6 19.♘h5 ♕f5 20.♘g3 ♕f6

20...♕d7 21.♘xe5 ♘xe5 22.dxe5±

21.♘h5 ♕f5 22.g4 ♕c8 23.♘xe5 ♘xe5 24.dxe5 ♕c7 25.♕e2

25.♕d6 ♖ad8 26.♕xc7 ♗xc7 27.♖ad1 ♖xd1 28.♖xd1 ♗xe5 29.♖d7 g6 30.♘g3 b5 31.♖xa7 ♗xg3 32.fxg3 ♖e2=

25...♖ad8 26.♘f4

26.♔g2 ♖d5 27.f4 ♖ed8 28.♖ad1 ♕d7 29.♖xd5 ♕xd5+ 30.♔g3 ♕xa2 31.f5 ♗c7∞

26...♖d7?!

26...♕e7 27.♔g2 (27.a4 ♗c7 28.♘d3 f6 29.b4 ♗xe5=) 27...♕c5 (27...♕h4?! 28.♕f3 ♖d2 29.♖e2 ♖xe2 30.♕xe2±) 28.♖ac1 (28.e6 g5 29.exf7+ ♔xf7 30.♕c2 gxf4 31.♕h7+=) 28...♗c7 29.♕f3 ♗xe526...a6!? Δ ♗a7-b8

27.♔g2 ♔h8

27...♖de7 28.♘d3 c5 29.c4 ♗a5 30.♖ed1 f6 31.f3 (31.♕e4!?±) 31...fxe5 32.♘f2 e4!? 33.♘xe4 ♕f4 34.♖d3 ♗c7 35.♔h1 ♗e5 36.♖ad1 ♗d4 37.b3±

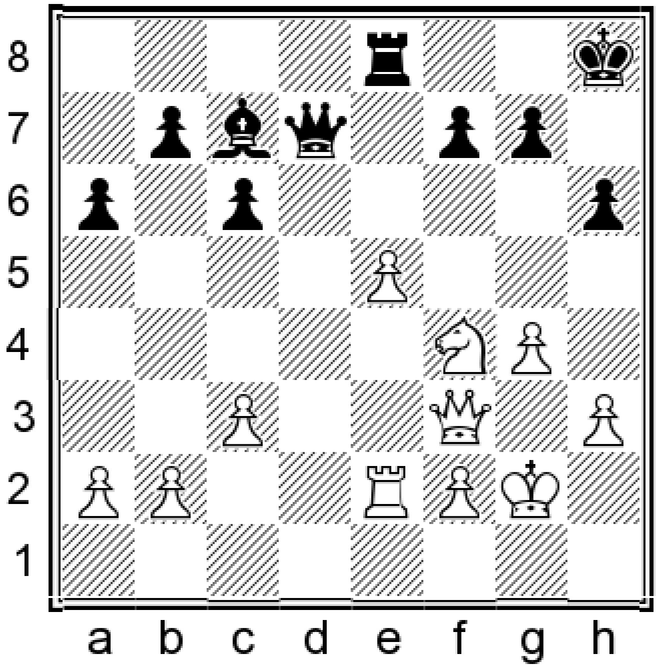
28.♖ac1 a6 29.♖c2 ♕d8

29...♖de7 30.♘d3 f6? 31.♘f4+-

30.♕f3 ♗c7 31.♖ce2 ♖d2

31...♖de7 32.e6 (32.♘d3 Δ ♕e4, f4↑) 32...♗xf4 33.exf7 ♖xe2 34.fxe8=Q+ ♖xe8 35.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 36.♕xf4±

32.♖xd2 ♕xd2 33.♖e2 ♕d7?!



33...♕d8 34.♘d3 ♕e7 35.♕e4 ♖d8 36.f4 ♕d7 37.♘e1 ♔g8 38.♘f3+-33...♕d1 34.♕d3 ♕xd3 35.♘xd3 ♗b6 36.♔f3 ♖d8 37.♔e4+-

34.e6! fxe6 35.♘xe6 ♗d6

35...♖xe6? 36.♕f8+ ♔h7 37.♕f5++-

36.♕f5 ♖e7

36...♔g8 37.♘xg7!+-

37.f4 ♕e8 38.♔f3 ♔g8

38...♖f7 39.♕d3 ♗xf4 40.♘xf4 ♕f8 41.♕d4+-

39.♕d3 ♗b8 40.f5 ♖d7 41.♕e4

41.♕c4 ♕f7 42.♘g5 hxg5 43.♖e8+ ♔h7 44.♕xf7 ♖xf7 45.♖xb8 g6 46.♔e4+-

41...♕e7 42.♘c5

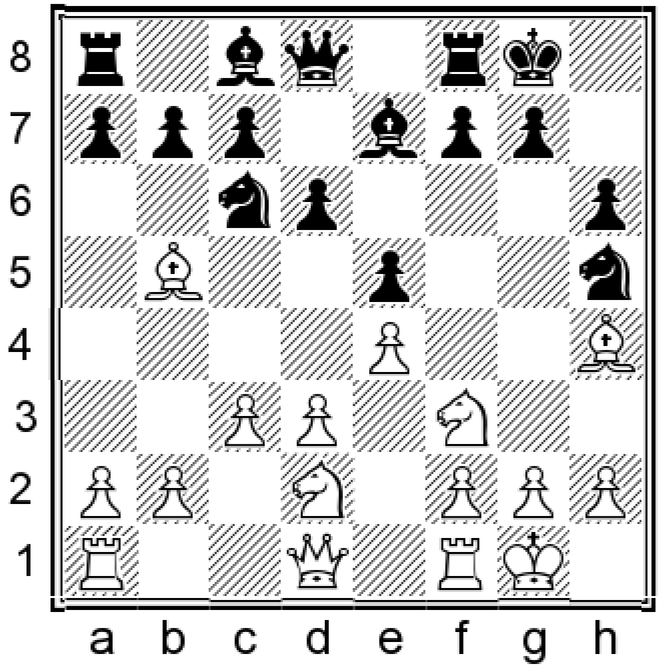
42.♘c5 ♕xe4+ (42...♕xc5 43.♕e8+ ♔h7 44.♕g6+ ♔g8 45.♖e8+ ♕f8 46.♕e6+ ♖f7 47.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 48.♕c8++-) 43.♖xe4 ♖d8 44.♘xb7+-1-0

120. C65
Carlsen, Magnus (2853) - Karjakin, Sergey (2772)
New York (m/10) 130/120, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5 5.c3 O-O 6.♗g5 h6 7.♗h4 ♗e7 8.O-O

8.♘bd2 - 112/(183)

8...d6 9.♘bd2 ♘h5N



10.♗xe7 ♕xe7 11.♘c4 ♘f4 12.♘e3 ♕f6

12...f5 13.g3 ♘h3+ 14.♔g2 fxe4 15.dxe4 ♔h7∞

13.g3 ♘h3+ 14.♔h1 ♘e7

14...♘g5?! 15.♘g1! Δ f4↑

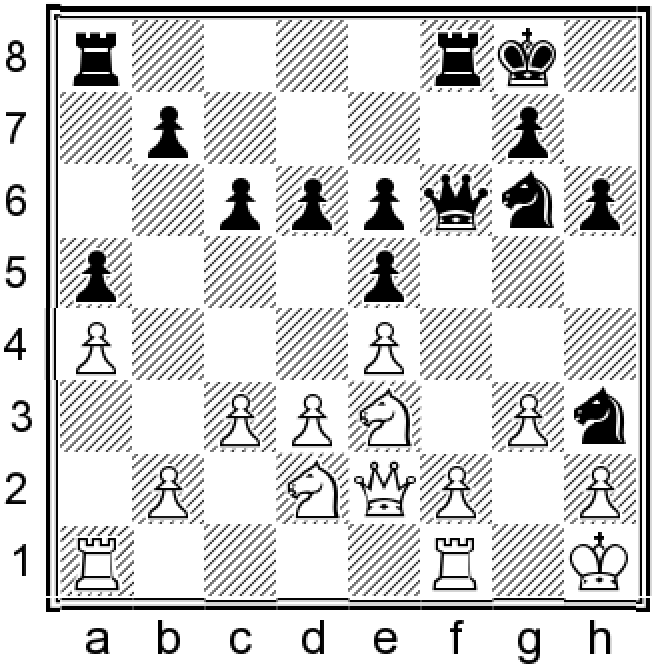
15.♗c4 c6 16.♗b3 ♘g6

16...d5 17.♔g2 (17.exd5 cxd5 18.♘xd5 ♘xd5 19.♗xd5 ♖d8 20.♗e4 ♗g4 21.♔g2 ♘g5↑) 17...d4 18.cxd4 exd4 19.♘c4∞

17.♕e2 a5 18.a4 ♗e6 19.♗xe6?!

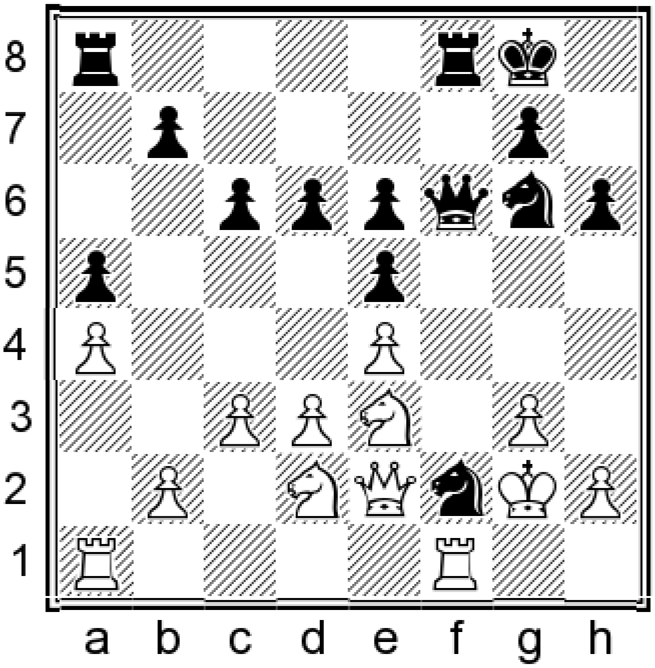
19.♘d2 ♗xb3 20.♘xb3 ♘g5 21.f3 ♘e6 22.♖ad1±

19...fxe6 20.♘d2



20...d5?

20...♘xf2+! 21.♔g2



(21.♔g1 ♘h3+ 22.♔g2 (22.♔h1 ♕g5∓) 22...♘hf4+ 23.gxf4 ♘xf4+ 24.♖xf4 exf4↑) 21...♘h4+! 22.♔g1 (22.gxh4 ♕g6+-+) 22...♘h3+ 23.♔h1 ♘f2+=

21.♕h5

21.f3±

21...♘g5

21...♘xf2+! 22.♔g2 ♕f7! 23.♔g1 (23.♘g4? ♘f4+-+) (23.♕e2 ♘h4+!=) 23...♕f6!!=

22.h4 ♘f3 23.♘xf3 ♕xf3+ 24.♕xf3 ♖xf3 25.♔g2 ♖f7 26.♖fe1 h5?!

26...♖af8! 27.♖e2 (27.♘d1=) 27...dxe4 (27...♘f4+ 28.gxf4 exf4 29.♘f5! f3+ 30.♔xf3 dxe4+ 31.dxe4±) 28.dxe4 ♘f4+ 29.gxf4 exf4=

27.♘f1 ♔f8 28.♘d2 ♔e7 29.♖e2 ♔d6 30.♘f3 ♖af8 31.♘g5 ♖e7 32.♖ae1 ♖fe8 33.♘f3 ♘h8 34.d4

34.b4 axb4 35.cxb4 ♘f7 36.a5±

34...exd4 35.♘xd4 g6 36.♖e3 ♘f7 37.e5+

37.♖f3 ♘e5 38.♖f6 ♖f7 39.♖xf7 ♘xf7 40.exd5 cxd5 41.f4 ♘h6=

37...♔d7 38.♖f3 ♘h6?!

38...c5! 39.♘b5 ♘h6 40.♖f6 ♖g7 41.♘d6 ♖b8=

39.♖f6 ♖g7 40.b4

40.♘f3 ♖f7! 41.♘g5 ♖xf6 42.exf6 e5⇄40.c4! ♘g4 41.cxd5 exd5 (41...cxd5 42.♖f3± ♖c8 43.♖b3+-) 42.♖d6+ ♔c8 43.f4±

40...axb4 41.cxb4 ♘g8 42.♖f3 ♘h6 43.a5 ♘f5 44.♘b3 ♔c7 45.♘c5

45.♖c1!?

45...♔b8 46.♖b1 ♔a7 47.♖d3 ♖c7

47...b6?! 48.axb6+ ♔xb6 49.♖a3 ♖a7 50.♖xa7 ♔xa7 51.♔f3± ∆ 51...♖f8 52.♖a1++-

48.♖a3 ♘d4 49.♖d1 ♘f5 50.♔h3 ♘h6 51.f3 ♖f7 52.♖d4

52.a6 b6 53.♘b7 ♖ef8 54.♔g2 ♘f5∞

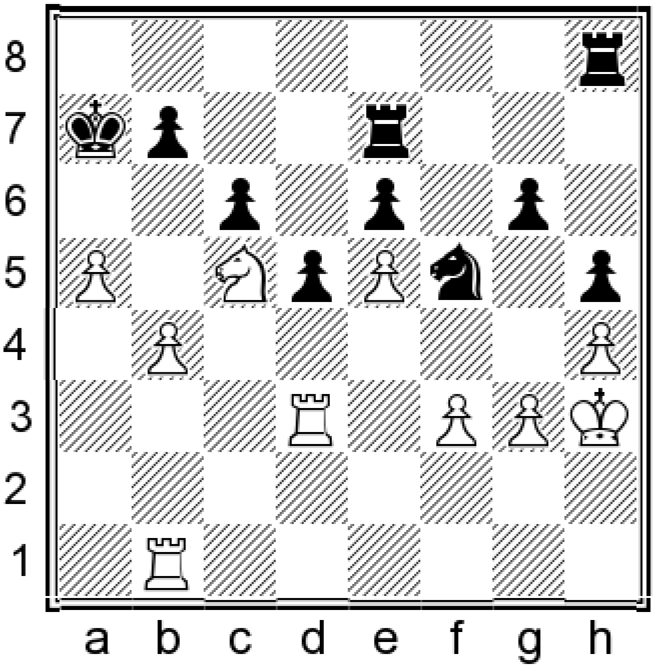
52...♘f5 53.♖d2 ♖h7 54.♖b3 ♖ee7?!

54...♘h6 55.g4 hxg4+ 56.fxg4 ♘f7=

55.♖dd3

55.b5! cxb5 56.♖xb5 ♘e3 57.♖d3 ♘c4 58.f4 ♖hf7 59.♖db3 ♖h7 60.♔g2± ∆ ♔d4

55...♖h8 56.♖b1



56...♖hh7?

56...♘h6 57.b5 cxb5 58.♖xb5 ♖c8 59.♖db3 ♖cc7=

57.b5! cxb5 58.♖xb5 d4 59.♖b6 ♖c7 60.♘xe6 ♖c3 61.♘f4

61.♖xc3? dxc3 62.♖b3 ♖e7=

61...♖hc7

61...♖c1 62.♖xg6 ♘e3 63.♖d2 ♖h1+ 64.♖h2 ♖f1 65.♖d6+-

62.♘d5

62.♖xg6! ♖xd3 63.♘xd3 ♖c3 64.♖f6! ♘e3 65.♘f4 d3 66.♖d6 ♖c1 67.g4+-

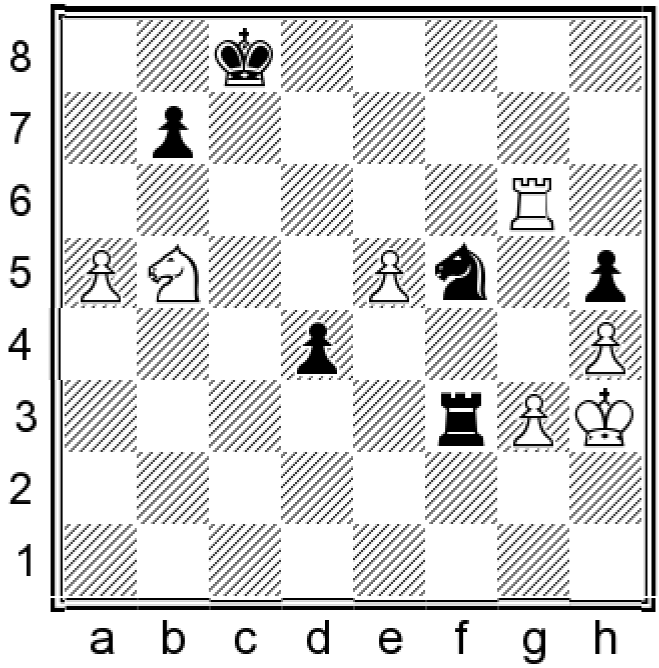
62...♖xd3 63.♘xc7 ♔b8

63...♖xf3 64.♘b5+ ♔a8 (64...♔b8 65.a6+-) 65.♖f6+-

64.♘b5 ♔c8 65.♖xg6

65.♘d6+? ♘xd6 66.♖xd6 ♖xf3 67.♖xd4 ♖e3 68.♖d5 ♖e2=

65...♖xf3



66.♔g2!

66.e6 ♔d8!=66.♘d6+ ♘xd6 67.♖xd6 ♖e3 68.♖xd4 ♖xe5 69.♖a4±

66...♖b3

66...♖e3 67.e6 ♔d8 68.♖g5+-

67.♘d6+ ♘xd6 68.♖xd6 ♖e3 69.e6 ♔c7

69...d3 70.♔f2+-

70.♖xd4 ♖xe6 71.♖d5 ♖h6 72.♔f3 ♔b8

72...b6 73.axb6+ ♔xb6 74.♔f4 ♔c6 75.♖g5! ♔d6 76.♖g8 ♔e6 77.♔g5 ♖h7 78.♔g6+-72...♔c6 73.♖g5 ♔d6 74.♖b5 ♖h7 75.g4 hxg4+ 76.♔xg4+-

73.♔f4 ♔a7 74.♔g5 ♖h8 75.♔f6 1-0

121. C67
Carlsen, Magnus (2853) - Karjakin, Sergey (2772)
New York (m/3) 130/121, 2016

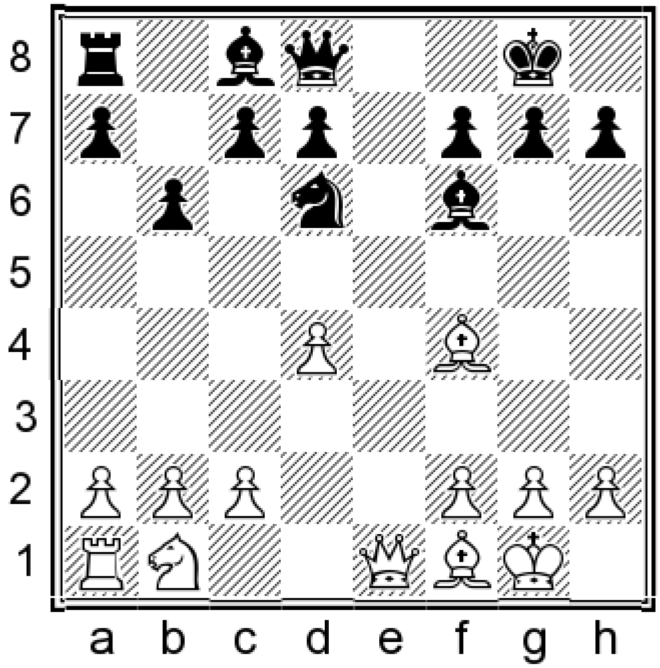
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1 ♘d6 6.♘xe5 ♗e7 7.♗f1 ♘xe5 8.♖xe5 O-O 9.d4 ♗f6 10.♖e2!?

10.♖e1 - 129/19

10...b6 11.♖e1 ♖e8N

11...♘b7

12.♗f4 ♖xe1 13.♕xe1



13...♕e7

13...♗xd4? 14.♗xd6 ♗xb2 (14...cxd6 15.♕e4 ♗xb2 16.♕xa8 ♕f8 (16...♗xa1 17.♗a6+-) 17.♘c3 ♗xa1 18.♘d5 ♗f6 (18...♗d4 19.♗a6! (19.♕xc8 ♕xc8 20.♘e7+ ♔f8 21.♘xc8+-) 19...♗xa6 20.♘e7++-) 19.♕xa7+-) 15.♗xc7 ♕f8 16.♘d2 ♗xa1 17.♕xa1±

14.♘c3 ♗b7 15.♕xe7

15.♕d2!? ♘e4 (15...♖e8 16.♗xd6 ♕xd6 17.♘b5±) 16.♘xe4 ♕xe4 17.♗xc7 ♕xd4 18.♕xd4 ♗xd4 19.c3±

15...♗xe7 16.a4 a6 17.g3 g5!?

17...♖e8 18.♗h3!?

18.♗xd6 ♗xd6 19.♗g2

19.♘d1 f5 20.♘e3 f4 21.♘f5 ♗f8=19.♗h3 ♖d8 20.♘d1 c5=

19...♗xg2 20.♔xg2 f5 21.♘d5 ♔f7 22.♘e3

22.c4 a5 23.♖c1 ♖b8=

22...♔f6 23.♘c4 ♗f8 24.♖e1 ♖d8?!

24...d5 25.♘e5 (25.♘e3 c6 26.c4 dxc4 27.♘xc4 ♖d8=) 25...♗d6 26.♘c6 h5=

25.f4 gxf4 26.gxf4 b5

26...d5?! 27.♘e3 c6 28.♔f3 ♗d6 29.c3 ♖g8 30.b4±

27.axb5 axb5 28.♘e3 c6 29.♔f3!?

29.♖a1 ♖e8 30.♔f3 ♖e4 31.c3 ♗d6 32.♘g2 b4=

29...♖a8 30.♖g1 ♖a2?!

30...♗h6! 31.♖g3 ♖a4!=

31.b3! c5

31...♗h6 32.♖g3↑ Δ ♖h3

32.♖g8

32.♖g5!?

32...♔f7 33.♖g2! cxd4 34.♘xf5 d3!

34...♗c5? 35.♔e4±

35.cxd3 ♖a1 36.♘d4 b4 37.♖g5 ♖b1 38.♖f5+ ♔e8 39.♖b5 ♖f1+ 40.♔e4 ♖e1+ 41.♔f5 ♖d1 42.♖e5+

42.♖b8+ ♔e7 43.♔e4±

42...♔f7 43.♖d5 ♖xd3 44.♖xd7+ ♔e8 45.♖d5 ♖h3 46.♖e5+ ♔f7 47.♖e2 ♗g7 48.♘c6 ♖h5+

48...♖xb3? 49.♘d8+! ♔f8 (49...♔g8 50.♖e8+ ♗f8 51.♔f6!+- (51.♘e6+-)) 50.♘e6+ ♔f7 51.♘g5+ ♔f8 52.♘xh7+ ♔g8 53.♔g6+-

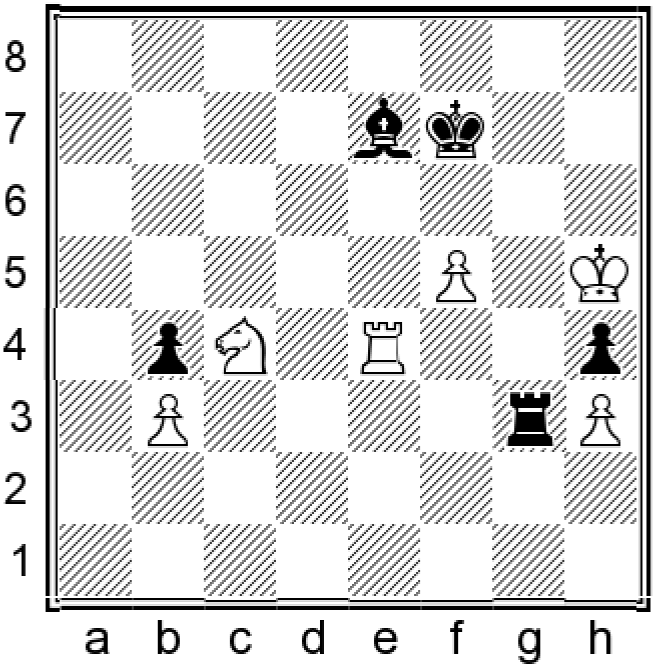
49.♔g4 ♖c5 50.♘d8+ ♔g6 51.♘e6 h5+! 52.♔f3 ♖c3+ 53.♔e4 ♗f6 54.♖e3 h4

54...♖xe3+ 55.♔xe3 ♔f5 56.♘c7!+-⌓54...♖c2

55.h3 ♖c1 56.♘f8+ ♔f7 57.♘d7 ♔e6 58.♘b6 ♖d1 59.f5+ ♔f7 60.♘c4 ♖d4+ 61.♔f3 ♗g5 62.♖e4 ♖d3+ 63.♔g4 ♖g3+?!

⌓63...♗f6

64.♔h5 ♗e7

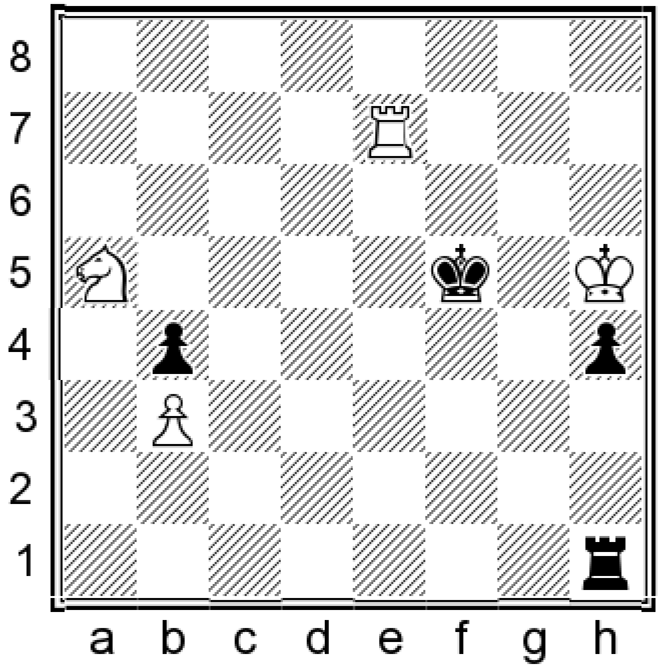


64...♗f6? 65.♘d6+±

65.♘e5+! ♔f6 66.♘g4+ ♔f7 67.♖e6! ♖xh3 68.♘e5+ ♔g7!

68...♔f8 69.♘g6++-68...♔e8 69.♘g6+-

69.♖xe7+ ♔f6 70.♘c6 ♔xf5 71.♘a5 ♖h1



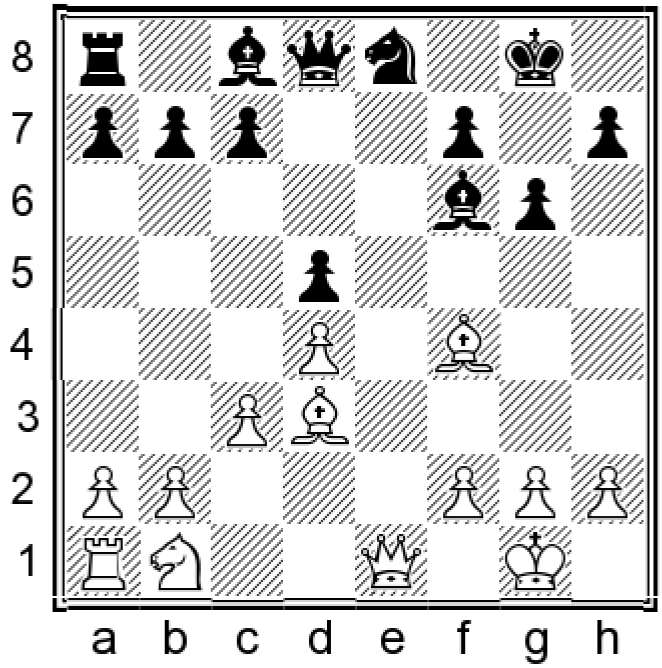
72.♖b7?!

72.♖f7+! ♔e6 73.♖f2! h3 74.♔h4! h2 75.♖a2!+-

72...♖a1 73.♖b5+ ♔f4 74.♖xb4+ ♔g3 75.♖g4+ ♔f2 76.♘c4 h3 77.♖h4 ♔g3 78.♖g4+ ♔f2 1/2-1/2

122. C67
Carlsen, Magnus (2853) - Karjakin, Sergey (2772)
New York (m/12) 130/122, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.O-O ♘xe4 5.♖e1 ♘d6 6.♘xe5 ♗e7 7.♗f1 ♘xe5 8.♖xe5 O-O 9.d4 ♗f6 10.♖e1 ♖e8 11.♗f4 ♖xe1 12.♕xe1 ♘e8 13.c3 d5 14.♗d3 g6



15.♘a3N

15.♘d2 - 126/106

15...c6 16.♘c2 ♘g7 17.♕d2 ♗f5 18.♗xf5 ♘xf5 19.♘e3 ♘xe3 20.♕xe3 ♕e7 21.♕xe7 ♗xe7 22.♖e1 ♗f8

22...♗f6?! 23.♗h6↑

23.♔f1

23.♗g5 ♔g7 24.♗e7 f6 25.♗xf8+ ♔xf8=

23...f6 24.g4 ♔f7 25.h3 ♖e8 26.♖xe8 ♔xe8 27.♔e2 ♔d7 28.♔d3 ♔e6 29.a4 a6 30.f3 ♗e7 1/2-1/2

123. C75
Shirov, Alexei (2673) - Rapport, Richard (2752)
Baku (ol) 130/123, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘ge7 5.c3 d6 6.d4 ♗d7 7.h4 h6 8.h5 ♘g8

8...exd4 - 16/215

9.d5 ♘ce7N

9...♘b8

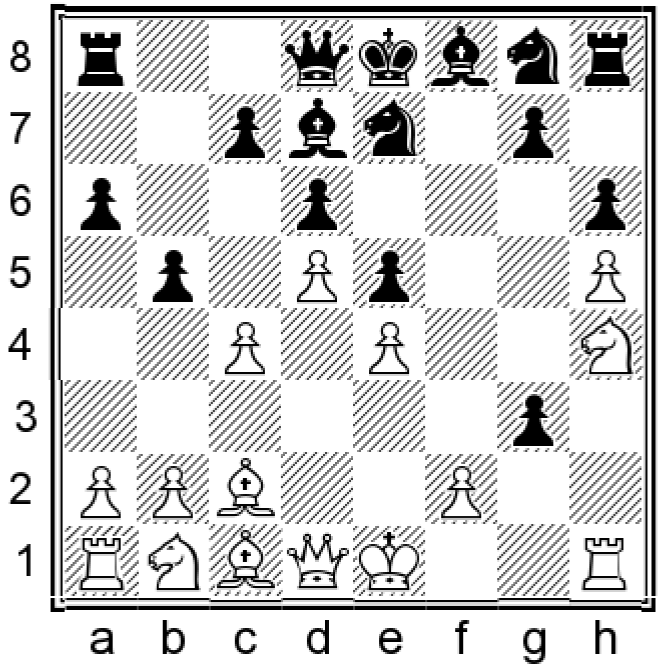
10.c4 b5 11.♗c2 f5

11...c6!? 12.c5 (12.♘fd2!?∞) 12...cxd5 13.cxd6 ♘c6 14.exd5 ♘b4 15.♘xe5 (15.♗b3 ♗xd6 16.a3 e4 17.axb4 exf3 18.♕xf3 ♘f6∞) 15...♗xd6 16.♘xd7 ♘xc2+ 17.♕xc2 ♕xd7=∞11...bxc4 12.♘fd2 c6 13.♘xc4 ♕c7 14.dxc6 ♘xc6 15.♘c3 ♘f6 16.♗a4± (16.♗e3±)

12.♘h4 f4 13.g3!?

13.♗d3±

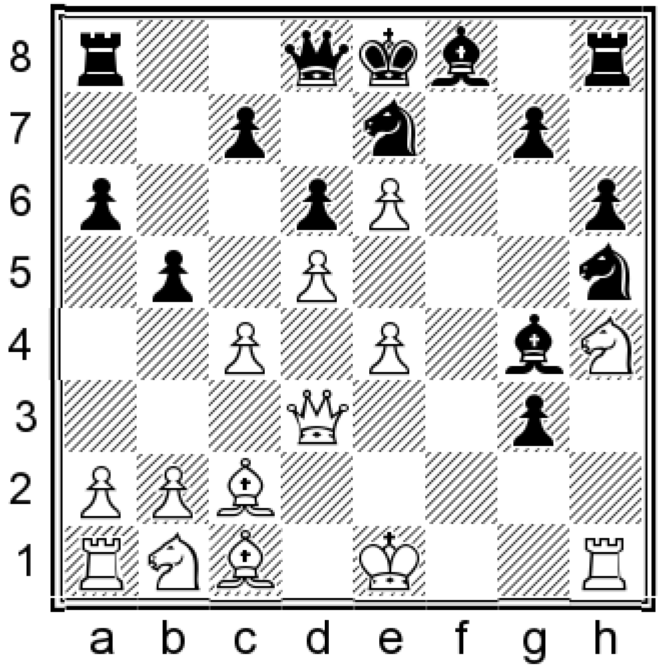
13...fxg3



14.f4! ♘f6

14...exf4 15.♗xf4 ♘f6 16.♗xg3↑

15.fxe5 ♗g4 16.♕d3 ♘xh5 17.e6



17...♘g6??

17...c6 18.♕d4! c5 (18...bxc4? 19.e5!+-) 19.♕d3↑

18.♘xg6 ♕f6 19.♕f1! ♗f3

19...♕xg6 20.e5 ♕xc2 21.♕f7+ ♔d8 22.♕d7#

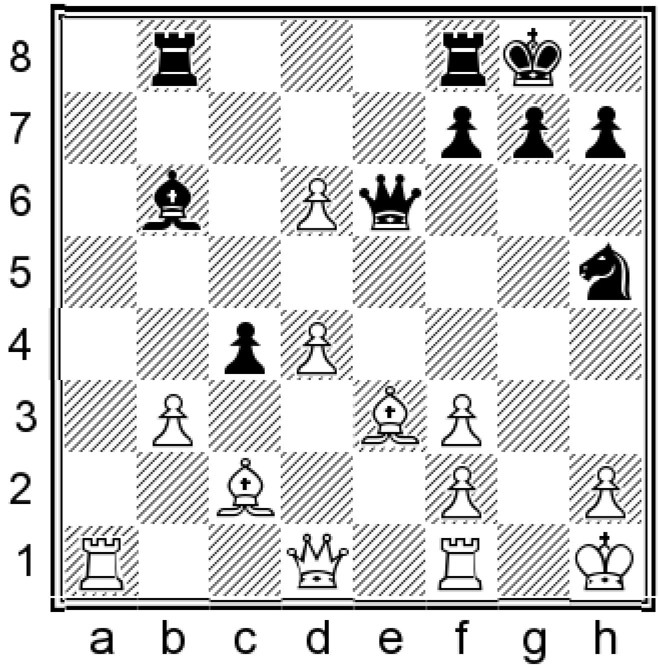
20.♖g1 ♗e7 21.♘xh8 ♕d4 22.♖g2 1-0

124. C78
Karjakin, Sergey (2772) - Carlsen, Magnus (2853)
New York (m/9) 130/124, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O b5 6.♗b3 ♗c5 7.a4 ♖b8 8.c3 d6 9.d4 ♗b6 10.axb5 axb5 11.♘a3 O-O 12.♘xb5 ♗g4 13.♗c2 exd4 14.♘bxd4 ♘xd4 15.cxd4 ♗xf3 16.gxf3 ♘h5 17.♔h1 ♕f6 18.♗e3 c5

18...♖a8 - 107/(100)

19.e5 ♕e6 20.exd6 c4 21.b3



21...cxb3N

21...c3

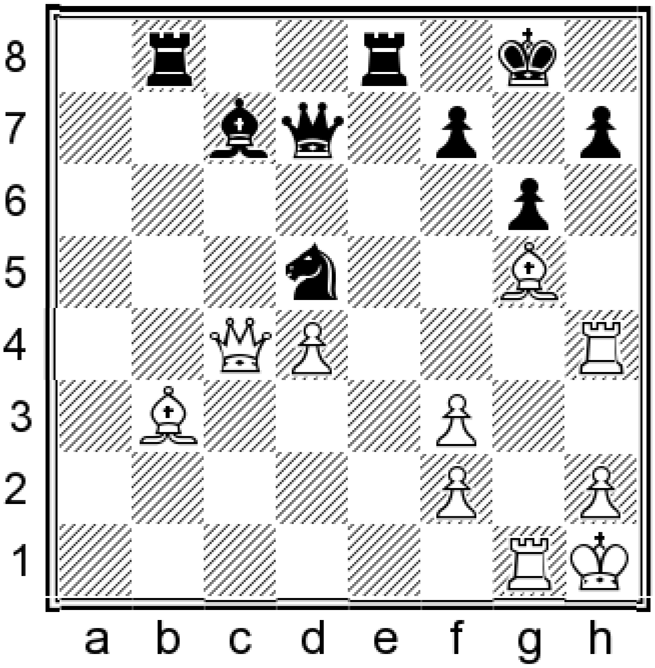
22.♗xb3± ♕xd6 23.♖a6 ♖fd8

23...♕d7!? 24.♖g1 ♕b7 25.♗c4±

24.♖g1 ♕d7 25.♖g4 ♘f6 26.♖h4 ♕b5 27.♖a1 g6 28.♖b1 ♕d7 29.♕d3 ♘d5 30.♖g1 ♗c7 31.♗g5 ♖e8

31...♖dc8 32.♗d2± (32.♕c4? ♗xh2 33.♕xd5 ♕xd5 34.♗xd5 ♗xg1 35.♔xg1 ♖b5∓)

32.♕c4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32...♖b5! 33.♕c2

33.♗a4! ♕f5 34.♕f1! ♖b1! 35.♕xb1 ♕xf3+ 36.♖g2 ♘c3 37.♕f1 ♘xa4 38.♗d2±

33...♖a8?!

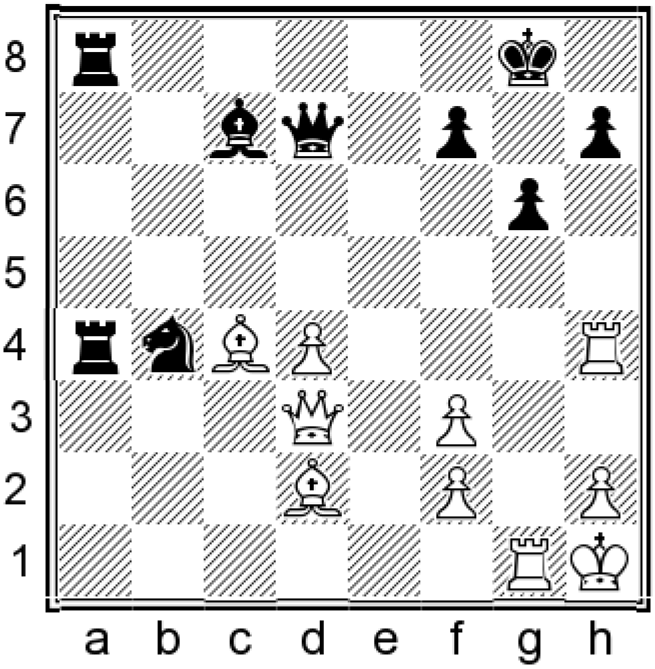
33...♖b4! 34.♗c4 ♕c6 35.♖c1 ♗d8⇄

34.♗c4!

34.♗a4 ♖xa4 35.♕xa4 ♕f5 36.♕xb5 ♕xf3+ 37.♖g2 ♕d1+ 38.♖g1 ♕f3+=

34...♖ba5 35.♗d2 ♖a4 36.♕d3 ♖a1

36...♘b4?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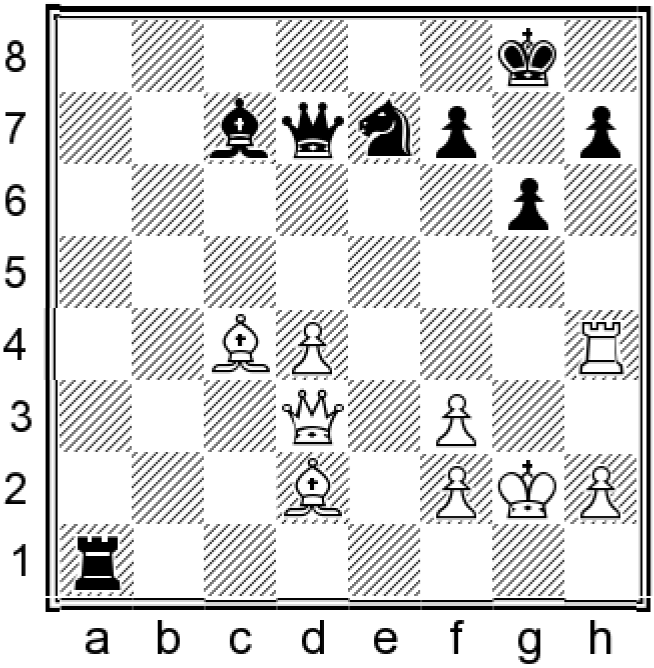
37.♕xg6+! hxg6 38.♖xg6+ ♔f8 39.♖h8+ ♔e7 40.♗g5+ f6 41.♗xf6+ ♔d6 42.♗e5+ ♔e7 43.♖g7#

37.♖xa1 ♖xa1+ 38.♔g2 ♘e7



38...♗d8! 39.♖g4 ♗c7 40.♗h6±38...h5!?

39.♗xf7+?!

39.♕b3! ♘f5 (39...♕f5 40.♖e4 ♗d6 41.♕b7 ♕f6 42.♗h6+-) 40.♗xf7+ ♕xf7 (40...♔g7 41.♖h3 ♕e7 42.♗g8!±) 41.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 42.♖xh7+ ♔g8 43.♖xc7 ♘xd4 44.♖b7 ♘f5 45.♗c3±

39...♔xf7 40.♕c4+ ♔g7 41.d5

41.♖xh7+? ♔xh7 42.♕f7+ ♔h8 43.♗h6 ♕xd4-+

41...♘f5

41...♗e5? 42.♗c3 ♕d6 43.♕f4! ♖e1 44.♕h6+ ♔f7 45.♕xh7++-41...g5!? 42.♗c3+ ♔g6 43.♖e4 ♘xd5! 44.♗xa1 ♘f4+ 45.♖xf4 ♗xf4±

42.♗c3+ ♔f8 43.♗xa1 ♘xh4+ 44.♕xh4 ♕xd5 45.♕f6+ ♕f7 46.♕d4 ♔e8 47.♕e4+

47.♕h8+!? ♔d7 48.♗f6 ♗d6 49.♗g5 ♗c7 50.♕d4+ ♔e8 51.♕a4+ ♔f8 52.♗h6+ ♔e7 53.♕c6 ♔d8 54.♗g5+ ♔c8 55.♗h4 ♔b8 56.♗g3 ♗xg3 57.hxg3±

47...♕e7 48.♕d5

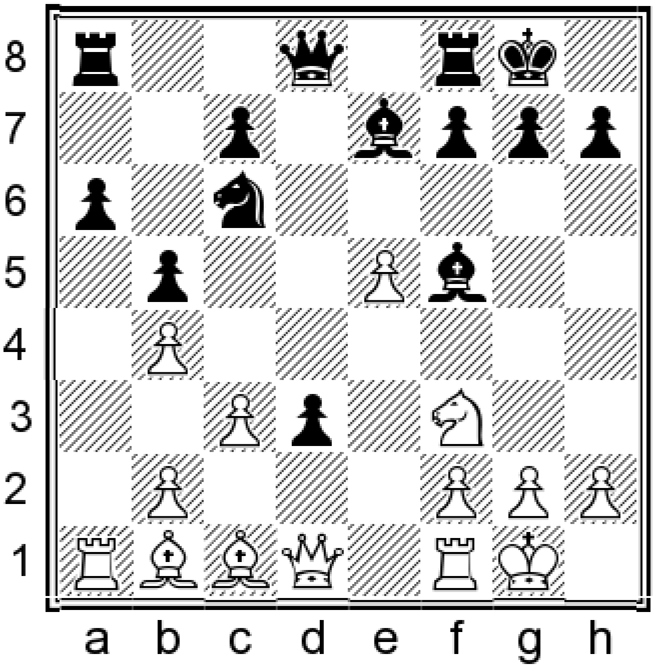
48.♗f6 ♕xe4 49.fxe4 ♔f7 50.♗g5 ♔e6 51.f4 ♗d6=

48...♗d8= 49.♔f1 ♕f7 50.♕e4+ ♕e7 51.♗e5 ♕e6 52.♔g2 ♗e7 53.♕a8+ ♔f7 54.♕h8 h5 55.♕g7+ ♔e8 56.♗f4 ♕f7 57.♕h8+ ♕f8 58.♕d4 ♕f5 59.♕c4 ♔d7 60.♗d2 ♕e6 61.♕a4+ ♕c6 62.♕a7+ ♕c7 63.♕a2 ♕d6 64.♗e3 ♕e6 65.♕a7+ ♔e8 66.♗c5 ♗d8 67.h3 ♕d5 68.♗e3 ♗e7 69.♕b8+ ♔f7 70.♕h8 ♕e6 71.♗f4 ♕f6 72.♕b8 ♕e6 73.♕b7 ♔g8 74.♕b5 ♗f6 1/2-1/2

125. !N C83
Harikrishna, Penteala (2752) - Caruana, Fabiano (2808)

Baku (ol) 130/125, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♘xe4 6.d4 b5 7.♗b3 d5 8.dxe5 ♗e6 9.♘bd2 ♘c5 10.c3 ♗e7 11.♗c2 d4 12.♘b3 d3 13.♗b1 ♘xb3 14.axb3 ♗f5 15.b4 O-O



16.♗f4!N

16.♖e1 - 107/102

16...♕d7 17.h3 ♖fd8 18.g4 ♗g6 19.♗g3 ♔h8?!

⌓19...h5 20.♖e1! d2 (20...hxg4 21.e6! fxe6 22.hxg4±) 21.♖e2 ♗xb1 22.♖xd2 ♕e6 23.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 24.♕xb1 hxg4 25.hxg4 ♕xg4 26.♔g2±

20.♖e1 ♕c8 21.♘d2?!

21.♘h4! ♗xh4 22.♗xh4 ♖d5 23.♗a2! ♖xe5 24.♖xe5 ♘xe5 25.f4 ♘c4 26.f5 ♗xf5 27.gxf5 ♕xf5 28.♗xc4 bxc4 29.♕g4±

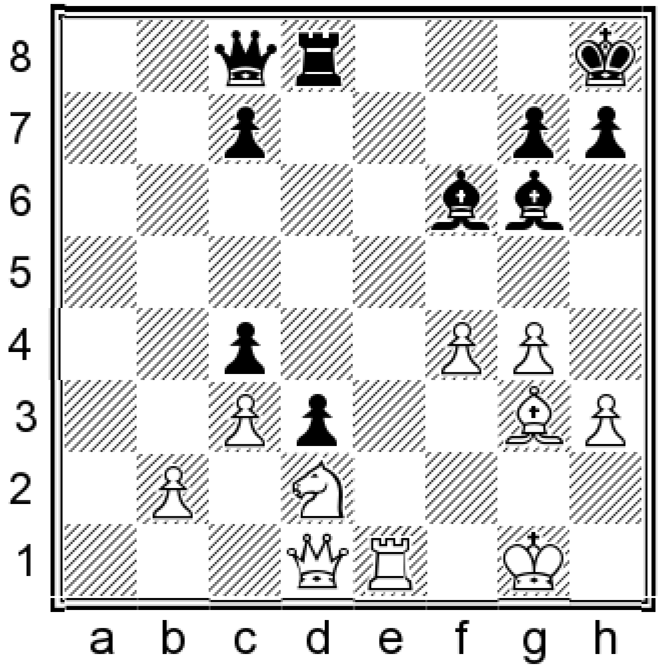
21...a5 22.bxa5 ♖xa5

⌓22...b4

23.♖xa5 ♘xa5 24.f4 f5 25.exf6 ♗xf6 26.♗a2! ♘c4

26...b4 27.f5 ♗e8 28.♘e4 b3!⇄

27.♗xc4! bxc4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a b c d e f g h

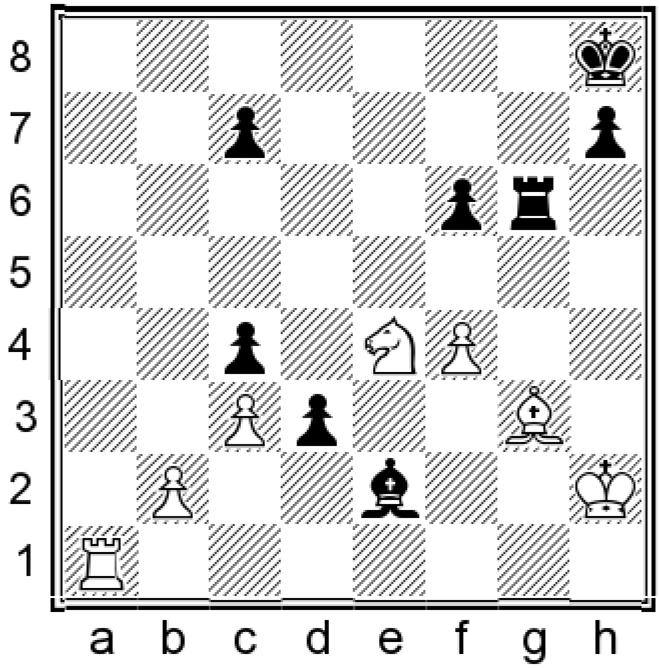
28.g5! ♕xh3 29.♕f3 ♗h5 30.♕f2 ♗e2 31.gxf6 gxf6 32.♕g2 ♕e6 33.♔h2 ♖g8 34.♖a1

34.♕h3±

34...♖g6 35.♕e4?

35.♖a8+! ♔g7 (35...♖g8 36.♖xg8+ ♔xg8 37.f5! ♕xf5 38.♕c6+-) 36.♖a7 ♔h8 37.♕e4 ♕xe4 38.♘xe4+-

35...♕xe4! 36.♘xe4


8
7
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a b c d e f g h

36...♗f3! 37.♘f2

37.♘d2 ♖h6+ 38.♔g1 ♖h1+ 39.♔f2 ♖xa1=

37...d2= 38.♖a7 ♖h6+ 39.♗h4 d1=Q 40.♘xd1 ♗xd1 41.♔g3 ♔g8 42.f5 ♗c2 43.♖xc7 ♗d3 44.♖c5 ♖h5 45.♗xf6 ♖xf5

46.♖xf5 1/2-1/2

126. C84
Savchenko, Boris (2633) - Ivanchuk, Vassily (2728)
Turkiye 130/126, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.d3 d6 7.c3 O-O 8.♗c2

8.♘bd2 - 129/124

8...d5!?

8...h6 9.d4 (9.♘bd2 ♘h7!? 10.d4 ♘g5∞ (10...♗f6)) 9...♗g4 10.d5 ♘b8∞

9.♘bd2N

9.♗e39.d4 ♗g4∞

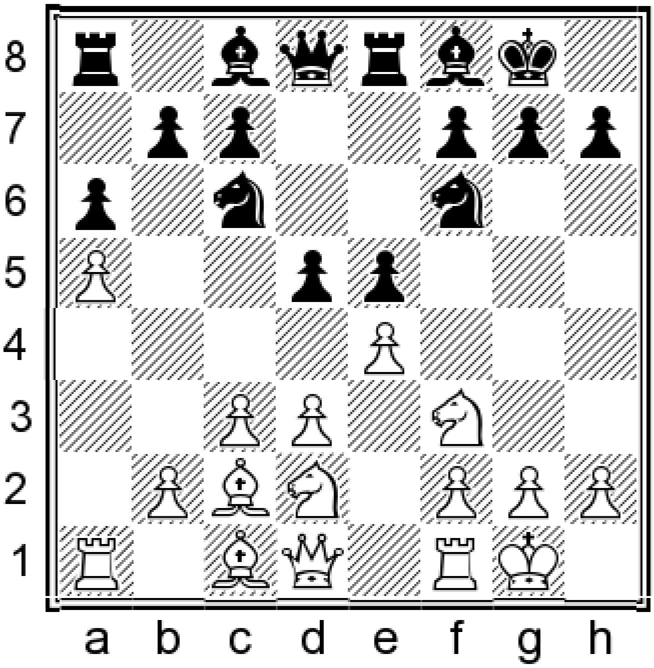
9...♖e8

9...b5

10.a4 ♗f8

10...b6!?

11.a5



11...b5!? 12.axb6 cxb6 13.exd5

13.♖e1 b5 14.exd5 ♕xd5

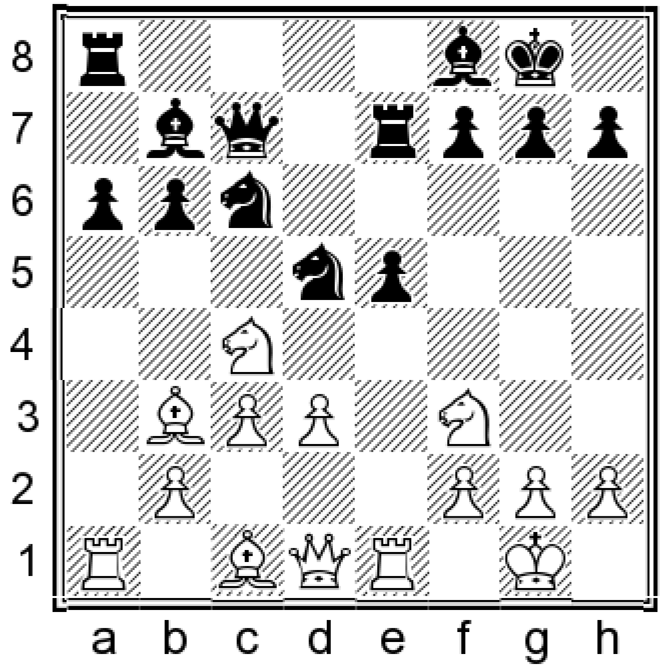
13...♘xd5 14.♖e1 ♗b7?!

14...b514...♗f5

15.♗b3! ♖e7

15...♘f4?! 16.♘e4! ♕xd3 (16...♘xd3 17.♘fg5!+-) (16...♘a5 17.♗xf4 exf4 18.♗xf7+ ♔xf7 19.♘eg5+ ♔g8 20.♖xe8 ♕xe8 21.♖xa5 h6 22.♕b3+ ♔h8 23.♕xb6 hxg5 24.♕xb7+-) 17.♗xf4 (17.♘eg5!?) 17...♕xd1 18.♖axd1 exf4 19.♘eg5 ♖xe1+ 20.♖xe1 ♘d8 21.♘e5↑15...♕d7 16.♘c4 ♕c7 17.♘g5 ♖e7 18.♘e3↑15...♘a5 16.♘xe5 ♘xb3 17.♘xb3 ♕d6 (17...♘xc3? 18.bxc3 ♕d5 19.♘f3 ♖xe1+ 20.♘xe1) 18.d4 a5=∞

16.♘c4 ♕c7



17.♘e3?!

17.♗g5! ♖ee8 (17...f6 18.♘e3!) 18.♘e3! ♘xe3 19.♗xe3 h6 20.♘d2±

17...♘f6!

17...♘xe3 18.♗xe3 ♖ae8 (18...h6 19.♘h4!±) (18...♖d7) 19.♘g5 h6 20.♘e4±

18.♘g5 ♖d8 19.♕e2 ♘a5 20.♗a2 h6 21.b4

21.♘e4 ♘xe4 22.dxe4 ♗xe4 23.♕g4 (23.♕xa6 ♗d3!∓) 23...♕c6! 24.♘f5 ♗xf5 25.♕xf5 b5∞ (25...♘c4?! 26.♗xh6! ♕xh6 27.♗xc4=)

21...hxg5 22.bxa5 b5!

22...♕xc3 23.♗b2 ♕xd3 24.axb6⇄

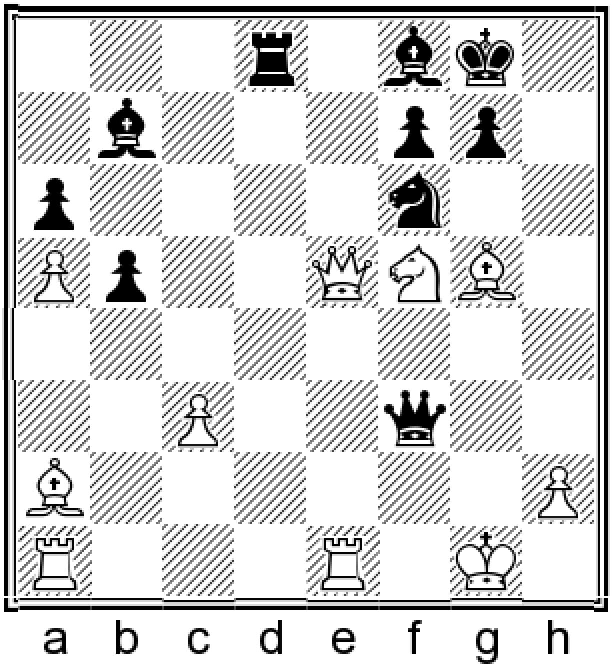
23.♘f5 ♖ed7 24.♗xg5 ♕c6!

24...♖xd3? 25.♗xf6 ♕c6 26.♘h6+!

25.f3 ♖xd3 26.♕xe5 ♖xf3

26...♖8d5 27.♗xd5 ♖xd5 28.♗xf6 ♖xe5 29.♗xe5∞26...♗c5+ 27.♗e3 ♖xe3 28.♘xe3 ♖e8 29.♕f4∞

27.gxf3 ♕xf3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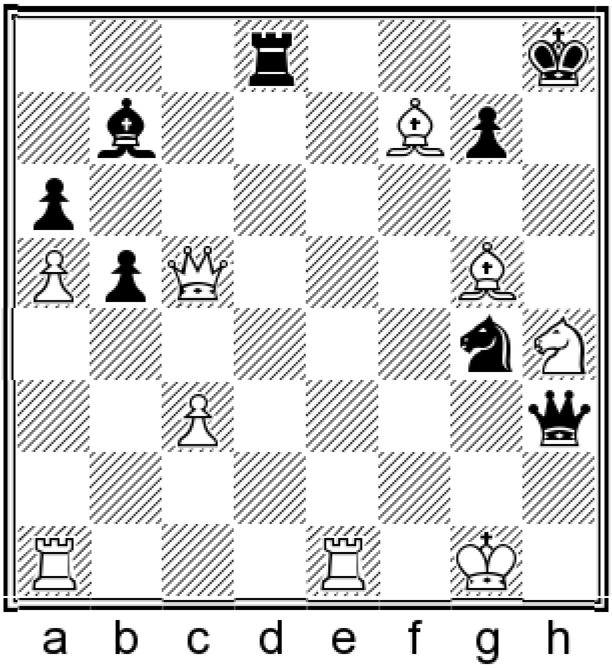
a b c d e f g h

28.♗xf7+!

28.♘h4 ♗c5+ 29.♕xc5 ♕h1+ 30.♔f2 ♕xh2+ 31.♔f1 (31.♔e3 ♕d2#) 31...♕h3+ 32.♔g1 (32.♔e2? ♕d3+ 33.♔f2 ♘g4+) 32...♘g4!? 33.♗xf7+ ♔h8!


8 7 6 5 4 3 2 1
a b c d e f g h

34.♕f8+! (34.♘g6+ ♔h7 35.♘f8+ ♖xf8 36.♕f5+ ♔h8-+) 34...♖xf8 35.♘g6+ ♔h7 36.♘xf8+ ♔h8 37.♘g6+=

28...♔h8! 29.♘h4?!

29.♕g3! ♕h1+! 30.♔f2 ♘g4+! 31.♕xg4 (31.♔e2 ♕e4+) 31...♕xh2+ 32.♔f1 (32.♔e3 ♕d2#) 32...♕h1+

29...♗c5+! 30.♗e3?

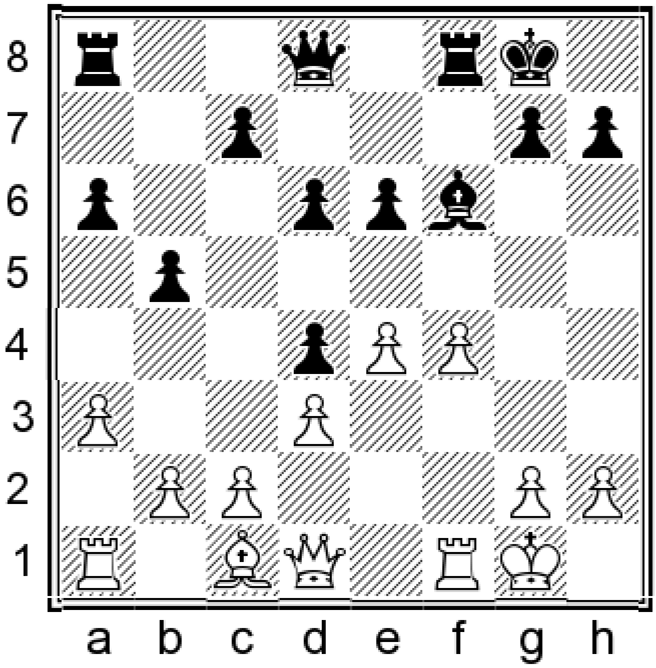
30.♕xc5! ♕h1+ 31.♔f2 ♕xh2+ 32.♔f1 ♕h3+ 33.♔g1 ♘g4 34.♕f8+! (34.♖e8+!? ♖xe8 35.♕f8+!=) 34...♖xf8 35.♘g6+ ♔h7 36.♘xf8+ ♔h8 37.♘g6+=

30...♕h1+ 31.♔f2 ♖d2+ 32.♖e2 ♘e4+

32...♘e4+ 33.♕xe4 ♖xe2+ 34.♔xe2 ♕xe4-+0-1

127. C84
Karjakin, Sergey (2772) - Carlsen, Magnus (2853)
New York (m/11) 130/127, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.d3 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.a3 O-O 9.♘c3 ♗e6 10.♘d5 ♘d4 11.♘xd4 exd4 12.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 13.♗xe6 fxe6 14.f4



14.♕g4 - 124/110

14...c5N

14...e5

15.♕g4 ♕d7

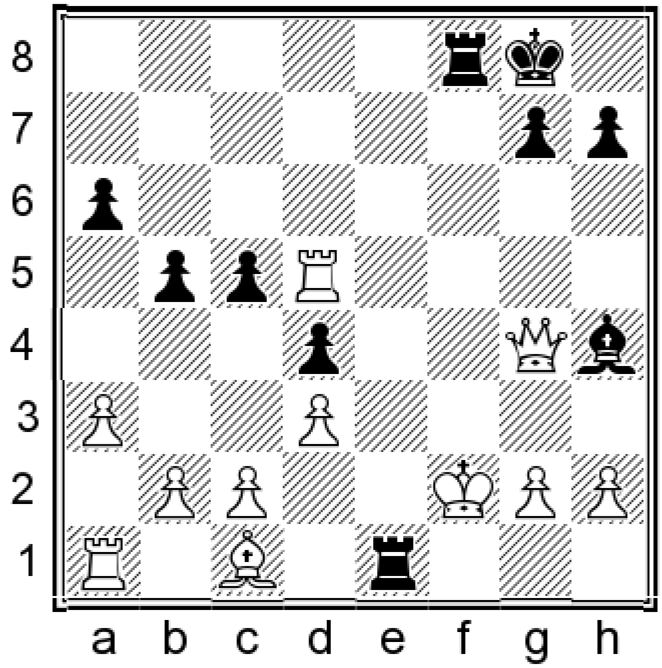
15...♕c8 16.e5 ♗e7 17.exd6 ♗xd6 18.♖e1±

16.f5

16.♗d2?! c4 17.♖ae1 c3 18.♗c1 (18.bxc3 dxc3 19.♗e3 a5↑) 18...cxb2 19.♗xb2 ♖ac8↑

16...♖ae8 17.♗d2

17.fxe6 ♕xe6 18.♖f5 d5! 19.exd5 ♕xd5!? 20.♗d2= (20.♖xd5?? ♖e1+ 21.♔f2 ♗h4#



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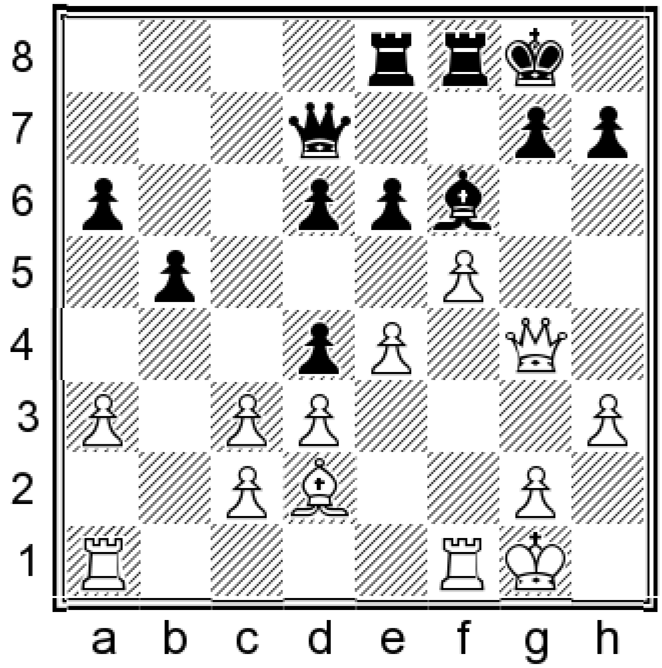
17...c4 18.h3 c3 19.bxc3

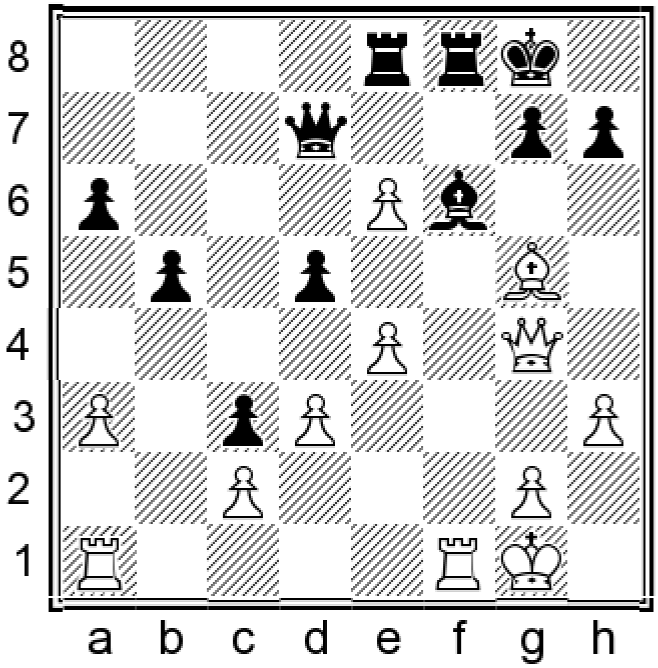


19...d5! 20.♗g5

20.fxe6 ♕xe6 21.♕xe6+ ♖xe6 22.exd5 ♖e2 23.♖f2 ♖xf2 24.♔xf2 dxc3 25.♗e1!=

20...♗xg5

20...dxc3 21.fxe6



(21.♗xf6 ♖xf6 22.fxe6 ♖fxe6 23.exd5 ♕xd5=) 21...♗d4+! 22.♔h1 ♖xf1+ 23.♖xf1 ♕xe6 24.♕xe6+ ♖xe6 25.exd5 ♖e5 26.♗f4 ♖xd5=

21.♕xg5 dxe4 22.fxe6

22.dxe4 exf5 23.exf5 dxc3=

22...♖xf1+ 23.♖xf1 ♕xe6 24.cxd4 e3

24...exd3 25.cxd3 ♕e3+ 26.♕xe3 ♖xe3 27.♖d1 ♖e2=

25.♖e1 h6 26.♕h5

26.♕c5 ♕f7 27.♖f1 ♕e6=

26...e2 27.♕f3 a5 28.c3

28.h4 a4 29.c3= (29.h5? b4! 30.axb4 a3 31.d5 ♕e5 32.♕e4 a2 33.♕xe5 ♖xe5 34.♔f2 ♖f5+!-+)

28...♕a2 29.♕c6 ♖e6 30.♕c8+ ♔h7 31.c4 ♕d2 32.♕xe6 ♕xe1+ 33.♔h2 ♕f2 34.♕e4+ 1/2-1/2

128. C84
Karjakin, Sergey (2772) - Carlsen, Magnus (2853)
New York (m/2) 130/128, 2016

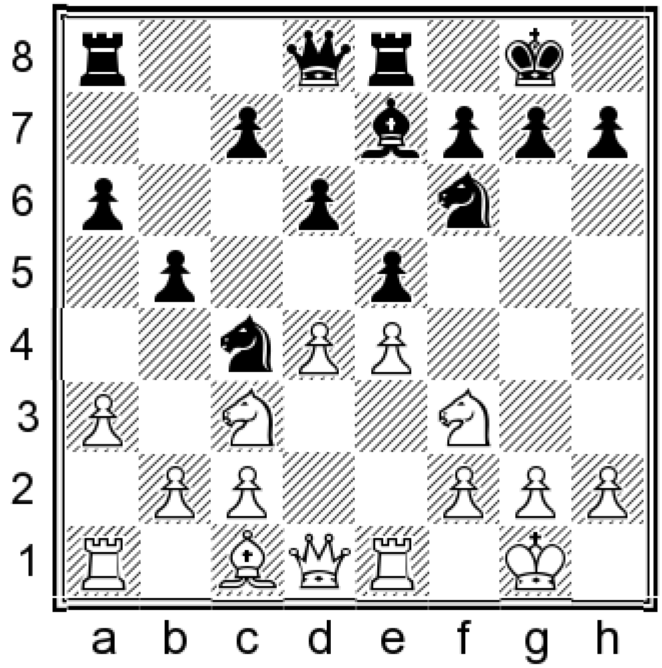
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.d3 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.a3 O-O 9.♘c3 ♘a5

9...h6 - 126/112

10.♗a2 ♗e6 11.d4 ♗xa2 12.♖xa2 ♖e8 13.♖a1N

13.♕d3

13...♘c4 14.♖e1



14...♖c8!?

14...♗f8 15.d5↑14...♘b6 15.b3 ♘bd7 16.♗b2 c6 17.♕d2 ♕c7 18.♖ad1 ♗f8∞

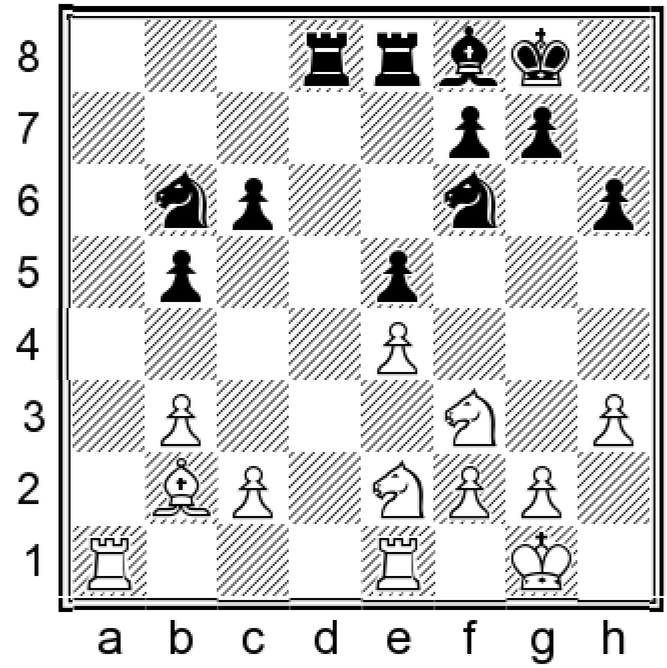
15.h3 h6 16.b3 ♘b6 17.♗b2 ♗f8 18.dxe5

18.a4 exd4 19.♘xd4 bxa4 20.♘xa4 ♘xe4 21.♘xb6 cxb6 22.♖xa6 d5=18.d5 ♕d7 19.a4 c6⇄18.♕d2 ♕d7 19.♖ad1 exd4 20.♘xd4 c5 21.♘f5 d5 22.♕f4 d4! 23.♘xh6+ gxh6 24.♕xf6 ♕e6 25.♕xe6 ♖xe6 26.♘d5 (26.♘b1 ♖ce8=∞) 26...♘xd5 27.exd5 ♖xe1+ 28.♖xe1 ♖d8=

18...dxe5 19.a4

19.♕xd8 ♖cxd8 20.♘a2 ♘fd7 21.♘b4 ♖a8=

19...c6 20.♕xd8 ♖cxd8 21.axb5 axb5 22.♘e2



22...♗b4

22...♘xe4 23.♗xe5 ♘d7 24.♗b2 ♗b4 25.♖ed1 ♗c5 26.♘ed4 ♘df6=

23.♗c3 ♗xc3 24.♘xc3 ♘bd7 25.♖a6 ♖c8 26.b4 ♖e6

26...c5 27.♘xb5 cxb4 28.♖xf6 (28.♘d6 ♖e6) 28...♘xf6 29.♘d6 ♖xc2 30.♘xe8 ♘xe8 31.♖b1=

27.♖b1

27.♖d1 c5 28.♖xe6 fxe6 29.♘xb5 cxb4 30.♘e1 ♖c5 31.♘d6 ♔f8=

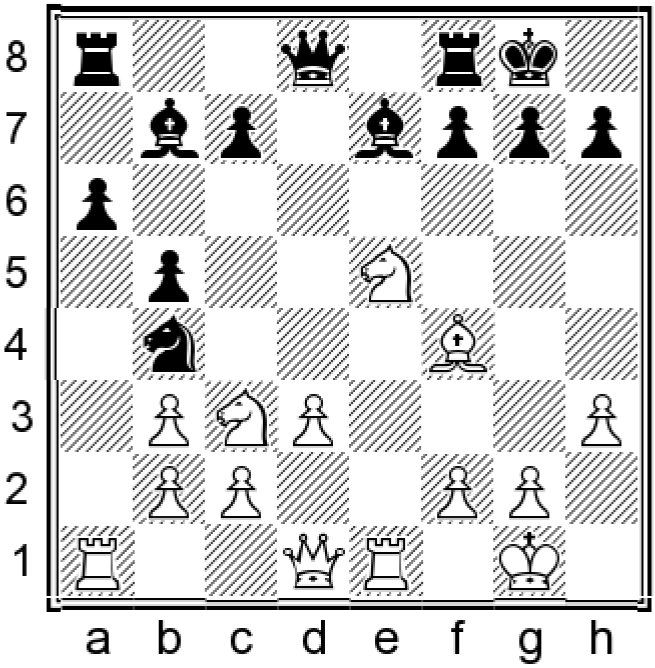
27...c5 28.♖xe6 fxe6 29.♘xb5 cxb4 30.♖xb4 ♖xc2 31.♘d6 ♖c1+ 32.♔h2 ♖c2 33.♔g1 1/2-1/2

129. C88
Karjakin, Sergey (2772) - Carlsen, Magnus (2853)
New York (m/6) 130/129, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 O-O 8.h3 ♗b7 9.d3 d5 10.exd5 ♘xd5 11.♘xe5 ♘d4 12.♘c3 ♘b4 13.♗f4 ♘xb3

13...c5 - 100/(252)

14.axb3



14...c5!?N

14...♕d4 - 104/239

15.♘e4

15.♕d2 ♖e8 16.♖e2 f6 17.♘g4 ♘c6∞

15...f6 16.♘f3 f5 17.♘eg5

17.♘ed2 ♗f6 18.♗e5 ♖e8⯹

17...♗xg5 18.♘xg5

18.♗xg5? ♗xf3! 19.♕d2 ♕d5 20.gxf3 ♘c6∓

18...h6! 19.♘e6 ♕d5 20.f3 ♖fe8 21.♖e5

21.♘c7!? ♕d4+ 22.♔h1 ♖xe1+ 23.♕xe1 ♕xf4 (23...♘xc2? 24.♕e6+ ♔h8 25.♗e5+-) 24.♘xa8 ♘xc2 25.♕e8+ ♔h7 26.♘b6! (26.♖f1? ♕d6-+) 26...♘xa1 27.♘d7 ♕c1+ 28.♔h2 ♕f4+ 29.♔h1=

21...♕d6 22.c3

22.♖e2 ♕d7 23.♘c7 ♖xe2 24.♕xe2 ♖c8 25.♖e1 ♕d4+ 26.♕e3 ♘xc2 27.♕xd4 ♘xd4 28.♖e7 ♘c6 29.♖d7 ♖d8 30.♖xd8+ ♘xd8 31.♗d6 ♔f7 32.♗xc5 ♘e6 33.♘xe6 ♔xe6=

22...♖xe6

22...♘d5?! 23.♖xd5 ♕xd5 24.♘c7±

23.♖xe6 ♕xe6 24.cxb4 cxb4= 25.♖c1

25.d4 ♖c8 26.♗e5 ♗d5 27.♕d2 ♗xb3 28.♕xb4 ♖c2 29.♕a3 ♗a4=

25...♖c8 26.♖xc8+ ♕xc8 27.♕e1 ♕d7 28.♔h2 a5 29.♕e3 ♗d5 30.♕b6 ♗xb3 31.♕xa5 ♕xd3 32.♕xb4 ♗e6 1/2-1/2

130. C88
Karjakin, Sergey (2772) - Carlsen, Magnus (2853)

New York (m/4) 130/130, 2016

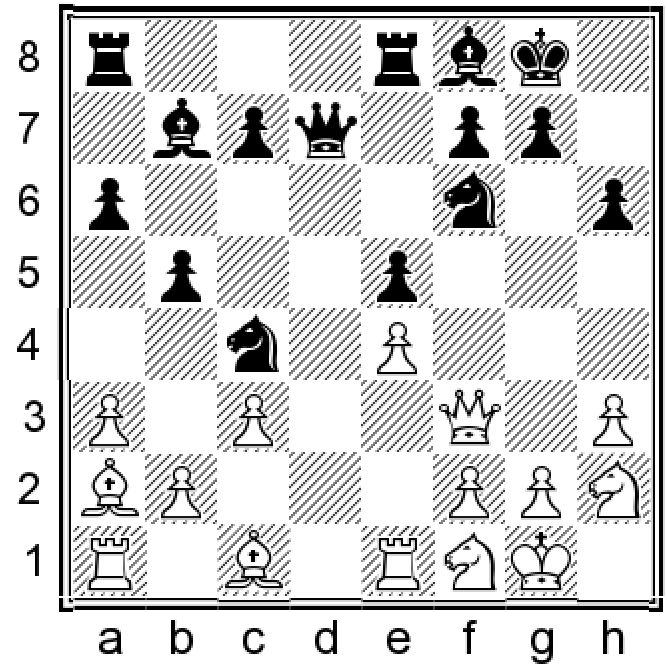
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 O-O 8.h3 ♗b7 9.d3 d6 10.a3 ♕d7 11.♘bd2 ♖fe8 12.c3 ♗f8 13.♘f1

13.♗a2 - 99/(237)

13...h6 14.♘3h2N

14.♘g3

14...d5! 15.♕f3 ♘a5 16.♗a2 dxe4 17.dxe4 ♘c4



18.♗xh6?!

18.♘g4 ♘xg4 19.hxg4 ♗c8 20.♘e3 ♕c6 21.♘f5 ♗e6=

18...♕c6!

18...♘xe4?! 19.♖xe4 ♗xe4 20.♕xe4 gxh6 21.♘g4 ♕e6 22.♘ge3→

19.♗xc4?

19.♗c1 ♘xe4 20.♘e3=

19...bxc4 20.♗e3 ♘xe4∓ 21.♘g3 ♘d6?!

21...♕g6!

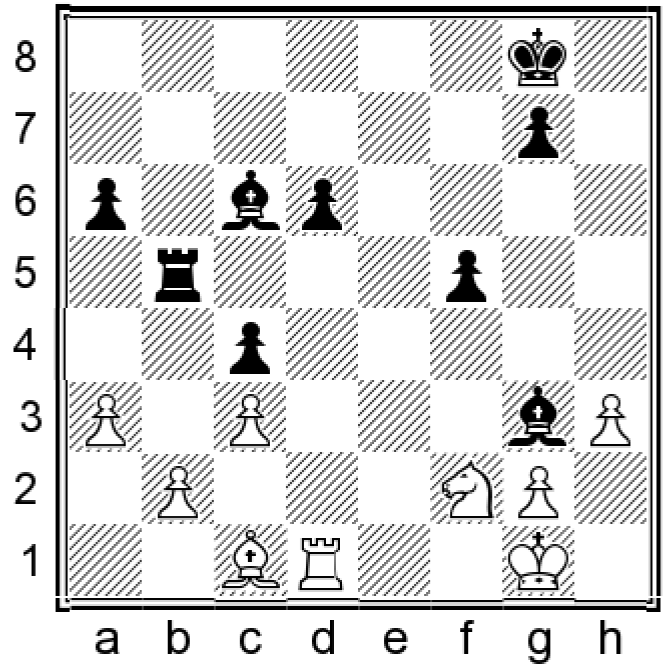
22.♖ad1 ♖ab8 23.♗c1 f6 24.♕xc6 ♗xc6 25.♘g4 ♖b5 26.f3 f5 27.♘f2 ♗e7

27...g6 28.f4 ♘f7 29.fxe5 ♘xe5∓

28.f4 ♗h4

28...exf4 29.♘e2 ♘e4∓

29.fxe5 ♗xg3 30.exd6 ♖xe1+ 31.♖xe1 cxd6 32.♖d1



32...♔f7

32...♖e5! 33.♔f1 ♖e8 34.♖d4 ♗e5 35.♖d1 ♔f7∓32...♖b8! 33.♖d4 ♖e8∓

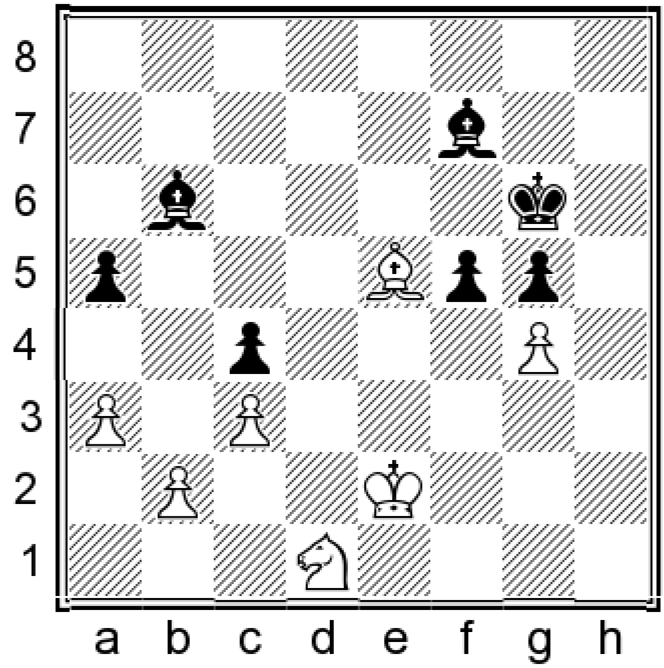
33.♖d4 ♖e5

33...d5 34.♗f4 ♗xf2+ 35.♔xf2 ♖xb2+ 36.♖d2 ♖b3 37.♗e5 ♖xa3 38.♔e3∓

34.♔f1 ♖d5 35.♖xd5 ♗xd5 36.♗g5 ♔g6 37.h4

37.♗d8 ♗f4 38.♘d1 ♔h5↑ (38...♗e4 39.♗b6 ♗c2 40.♘e3)

37...♔h5 38.♘h3 ♗f7 39.♗e7 ♗xh4 40.♗xd6 ♗d8 41.♔e2 g5 42.♘f2 ♔g6 43.g4 ♗b6 44.♗e5 a5 45.♘d1



45...f4?

45...♗e6! 46.♘f2 (46.gxf5+ ♔xf5 47.♗d6 ♗f7!-+ Δ ♗h5 (47...♔g4 48.♘f2+ ♔h4∓)) 46...fxg4

46.♗d4!

46.♘f2? ♗e3∓

46...♗c7 47.♘f2 ♗e6 48.♔f3 ♗d5+ 49.♔e2 ♗g2 50.♔d2 ♔f7 51.♔c2 ♗d5 52.♔d2 ♗d8 53.♔c2 ♔e6 54.♔d2 ♔d7 55.♔c2 ♔c6 56.♔d2 ♔b5 57.♔c1 ♔a4 58.♔c2 ♗f7 59.♔c1 ♗g6 60.♔d2 ♔b3 61.♔c1 ♗d3 62.♘h3 ♔a2 63.♗c5 ♗e2 64.♘f2 ♗f3 65.♔c2 ♗c6 66.♗d4 ♗d7 67.♗c5 ♗c7 68.♗d4 ♗e6 69.♗c5 f3 70.♗e3 ♗d7 71.♔c1 ♗c8 72.♔c2 ♗d7 73.♔c1 ♗f4 74.♗xf4 gxf4 75.♔c2 ♗e6 76.♔c1 ♗c8 77.♔c2 ♗e6 78.♔c1 ♔b3 79.♔b1 ♔a4 80.♔c2 ♔b5 81.♔d2 ♔c6 82.♔e1 ♔d5 83.♔f1 ♔e5 84.♔g1 ♔f6 85.♘e4+

85.♔f1 ♔g5 86.♔e1?! (86.♘e4+ ♔xg4 87.♔f2=) 86...♔h4 87.♔f1 ♗xg4 88.♘e4! (88.♔e1 ♗f5 89.♔f1 ♔g3 90.♔e1 a4 91.♔f1 ♔h2 92.♔e1 ♔g2 93.♘d1 ♗d3 94.♘f2 ♗e2 95.♘g4 f2+! 96.♘xf2 ♗f3-+) 88...♗f5 89.♘d6 ♗e6 90.♔f2=

85...♔g6 86.♔f2 ♗xg4 87.♘d2 ♗e6 88.♔xf3 ♔f5 89.a4 ♗d5+ 90.♔f2 ♔g4 91.♘f1 ♔g5 92.♘d2 ♔f5 93.♔e2 ♔g4 94.♔f2 1/2-1/2

131.* C92
Anand, Viswanathan (2776) - Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2761)
Moscow 130/131, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.c3 O-O 9.h3 ♗b7 10.d4 ♖e8 11.♘bd2 exd4!?

11...♗f8 - 123/123

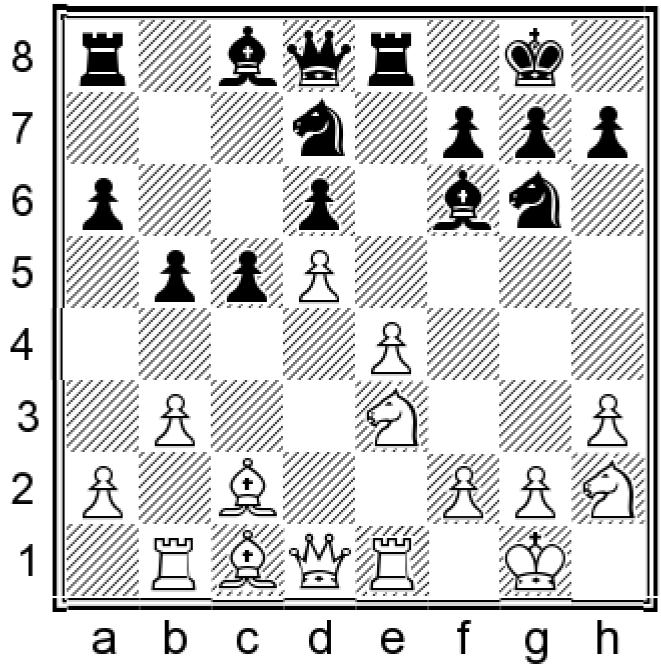
12.cxd4 ♘d7 13.♘f1 ♘a5 14.♗c2 ♗f6 15.♖b1

15.♗f4 - 126/(116)

15...c5 16.d5 ♘c4 17.b3 ♘ce5 18.♘3h2 ♘g6 19.♘e3

19.♘g3 ♗c8 20.♘g4 (20.♖f1 - 126/116) 20...♗c3 21.♖f1 ♘de5N (21...♘f6) 22.♘e3 ♘d7 (22...♘f4±) 23.♘ef5 ♘b6 24.f4± Volokitin,A (2668)-Bagi,M (2449) Novi Sad 130/(131) 2016

19...♗c8?!N



⌓19...♗c3!= - 126/(116)

20.♗d2?!

20.♘f5!? ♘b6 21.♘g4 ♗c3 22.♗d2 ♗xd2 23.♕xd2±

20...b4

20...h6!? 21.a4 ♗g5=

21.♘hg4

21.♘eg4 ♗e7=

21...a5?!

21...♘de5?! 22.g3 a5 23.♔g2±⌓21...♗d4!= 22.♘f5 ♘de5 23.g3 a5=

22.♘xf6+ ♕xf6

22...♘xf6 23.♘f1!±

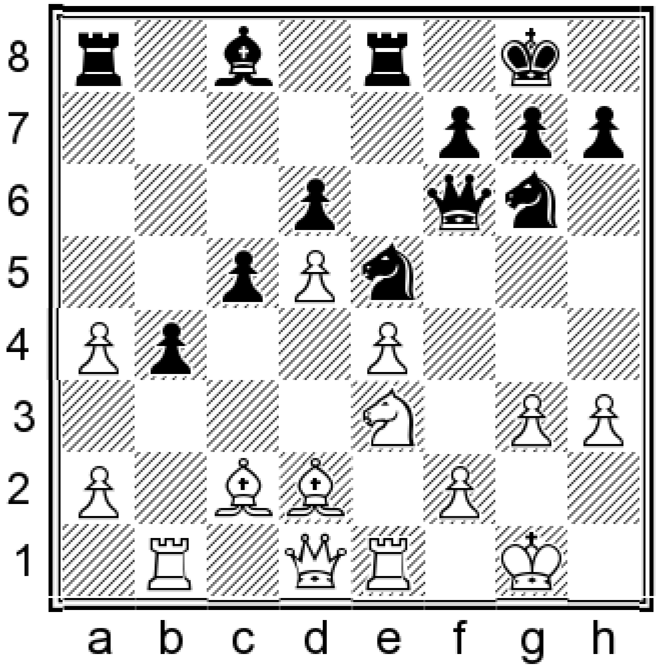
23.g3!? a4?!

23...♘de5 24.f4 ♘xf4 (24...♘d7 25.♗c1! Δ ♗b2↑) 25.gxf4 ♕xf4 26.♘f1 ♕h4 27.♖e3 ♗xh3 28.♕e2!±

24.bxa4!

24.f4? axb3 25.axb3 ♕d4! 26.♗c1 ♖a2∓

24...♘de5



25.f4! ♘xf4 26.gxf4 ♕xf4 27.♘f1± ♕h4

27...♘f3+ 28.♔h1 ♕f6 29.♖e3 ♘d4 30.a3 ♕h4 31.♖g3 ♖e5 32.♗e1 ♕f4 33.♘d2±

28.♖e3 ♗xh3 29.♕e2 ♕g4+

29...♗d7 30.♖g3 h6 31.♗e1±29...♗g4 30.♕g2 ♘c4 (30...♕f6 31.♘h2! ♗d7 32.♖f1 ♕e7 33.♖g3+-) 31.♖g3 h5 32.♗f4 ♘a3 33.♖xa3! bxa3 34.♗xd6±

30.♕xg4 ♗xg4 31.a3

31.♖g3!? ♗d7 32.a3 h5 33.axb4 ♗xa4 34.♗xa4 ♖xa4 35.bxc5±

31...♘f3+

31...♘c4? 32.axb4 cxb4 (32...♘xe3 33.♘xe3 ♗f3 34.b5+-) 33.♖xb4 ♘xe3 34.♘xe3+-

32.♔f2

32.♔g2 ♘d4 33.♗d3±

32...♘d4 33.♖b2

33.♗d3 bxa3 34.a5 f5 35.♖a1 fxe4 36.♗xe4 ♖e5 37.♖axa3±

33...bxa3 34.♖xa3 ♘xc2 35.♖xc2 ♖xe4 36.a5+- ♗c8

36...h5 37.♖b2 ♖e2+ 38.♔g1 h4 39.♖e3+-

37.♖e3

37.♖b2+-

37...♖f4+ 38.♖f3 ♖e4 39.♖b2! ♗a6

39...♔f8 40.♗f4 ♔e7 41.♖e3 ♖xe3 42.♘xe3 ♖xa5 43.♗xd6++-

40.♗c3

40.♘g3+-

40...h5 41.♘g3

41.♘e3+-

41...♖h4 42.♖b6

42.♘f5 ♖h2+ 43.♔g3 ♖xb2 44.♗xb2+-

42...♖h2+ 43.♔g1 ♖c2 44.♘f5 ♗c4 45.♖e3! ♔h7

45...f6 46.♖xd6+-

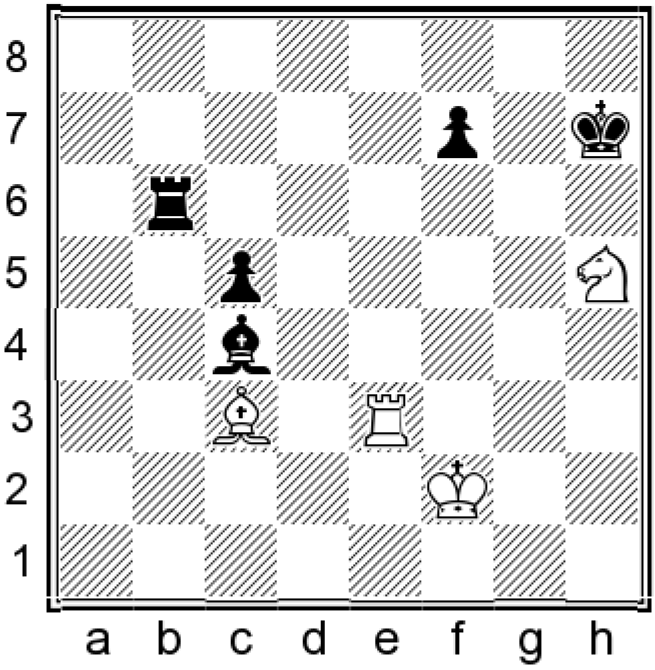
46.♖xd6

46.♘xg7 ♖d8 (46...♖g8 47.♖xd6+-) 47.♖h3+-

46...♖b8 47.♖b6 ♖xb6 48.axb6 ♗xd5 49.♘xg7 ♖g2+ 50.♔f1 ♖g6 51.♘xh5 ♗c4+

51...♖xb6 52.♘f6++-

52.♔f2 ♖xb6



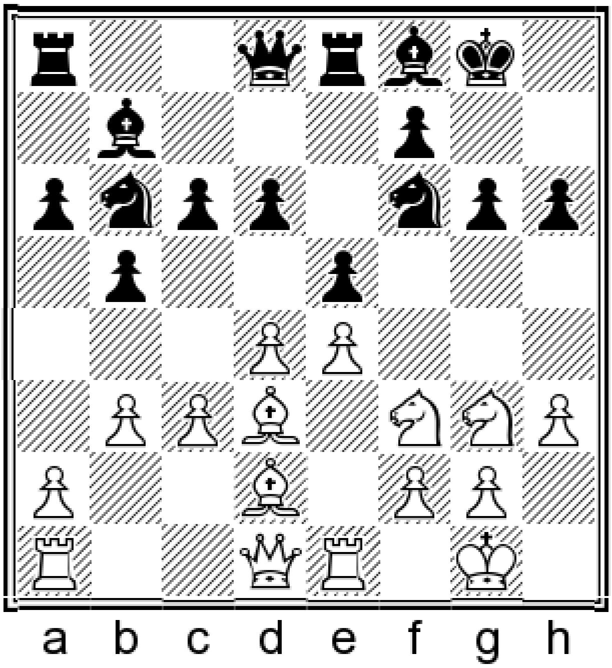
53.♘f6+ ♔h6 54.♖g3! 1-0

132. C93
Duda, Jan Krzysztof (2675) - Bruzon Batista, Lazaro (2623)
Baku (ol) 130/132, 2016

1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.c3 O-O 9.h3 h6 10.d4 ♖e8 11.♘bd2 ♗f8 12.♘f1 ♗b7 13.♘g3 ♘a5 14.♗c2 ♘c4 15.b3 ♘b6 16.♗d2 g6

16...c5 - 13/314

17.♗d3 c6



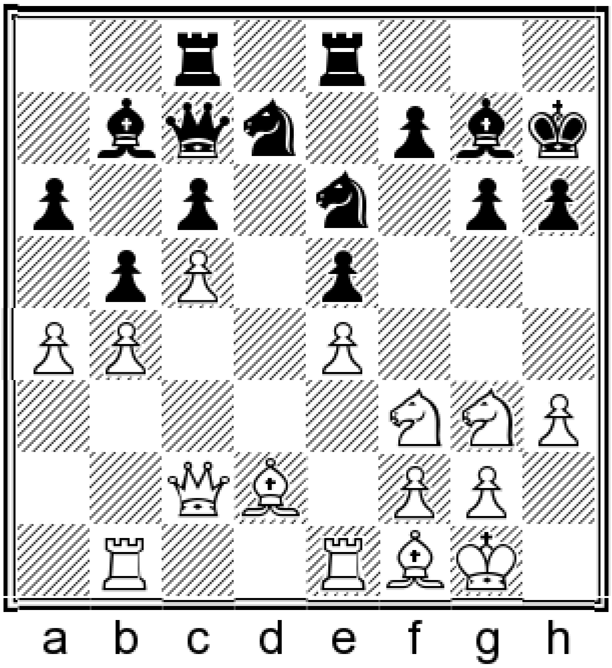
18.♖b1!?N

18.a418.♕c1

18...♗g7 19.♕c1 ♔h7 20.♕c2 ♖c8 21.a4 ♘fd7 22.♗f1 ♘f8?!

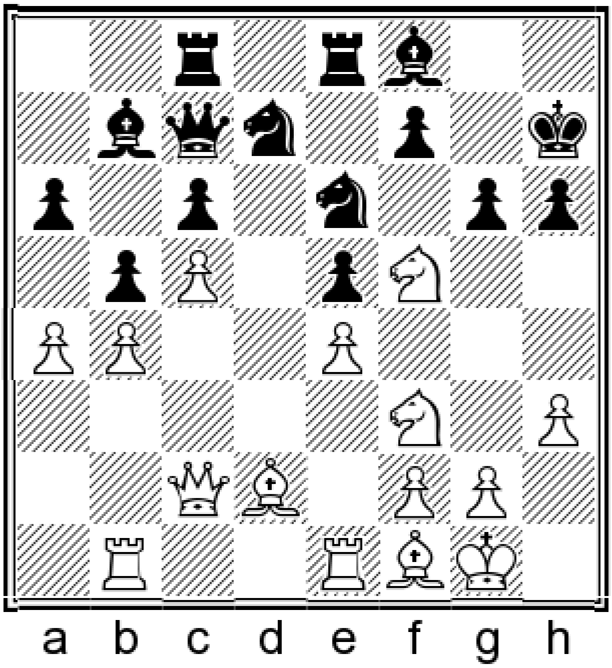
⌓22...exd4 23.cxd4 c5 24.d5 b4

23.dxe5 dxe5 24.c4 ♘bd7 25.b4 ♘e6 26.c5 ♕c7?!



26...♔g8±

27.♘f5! ♗f8



27...gxf5 28.exf5 ♘d4 29.♘xd4 exd4 30.f6++-

28.♖bd1! gxf5

28...f6 29.♘d6 ♗xd6 30.cxd6 ♕xd6 31.♗c1 ♕e7 32.♕d2+-

29.exf5 ♘f4

29...♘d4 30.♘xd4 exd4 31.f6+ ♔g8 32.♕f5 ♘xf6 (32...♘e5 33.♗f4 ♕d7 34.♖xe5 ♕xf5 35.♖xf5 bxa4 36.♖a1+-) 33.♕xf6+-

30.♗xf4 exf4 31.f6+ ♔g8 32.♕f5 ♘xf6

32...♖ed8 33.♖e7!+-32...♘b8 33.♗d3+-32...♖xe1 33.♖xd7+-

33.♕xf6 ♗g7 34.♕f5± ♖ed8?

34...♖xe1 35.♖xe1 ♖d8 (35...bxa4 36.♗c4+-) 36.♗d3 ♗c8 37.♕h7+ ♔f8 38.axb5 axb5 39.♗f5±

35.♗d3+- ♖d5 36.♕h7+ ♔f8 37.♘h4 ♕d8 38.♘f5 ♕f6 39.♘e7 1-0

133. C95
Ali, Muhammad Lutfi (2411) - Adams, Michael (2738)
Baku (ol) 130/133, 2016

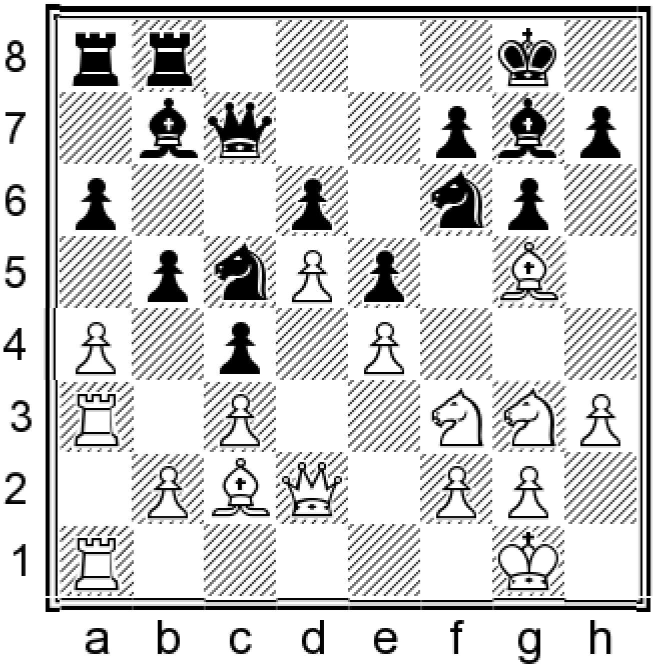
1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.♗b5 a6 4.♗a4 ♘f6 5.O-O ♗e7 6.♖e1 b5 7.♗b3 d6 8.c3 O-O 9.h3 ♘b8 10.d4 ♘bd7 11.♘bd2 ♗b7 12.♗c2 ♖e8 13.♘f1 ♗f8 14.♘g3 g6 15.a4 c5 16.d5 c4 17.♗g5 ♗g7

17...h617...♗e7

18.♕d2 ♘c5 19.♖a3

19.♘h2 - 16/260

19...♕c7 20.♖ea1 ♖eb8



21.axb5N

21.♗e3

21...axb5 22.♖xa8 ♖xa8 23.♖xa8+ ♗xa8= 24.♗h6 ♗h8

24...♗b7 25.♗xg7 ♔xg7 26.♘f5+→24...♗xh6 25.♕xh6 ♘cd7 26.♘h4∞

25.♔h2

25.♕g5 ♗b7 (25...♘e8! 26.♘f5 ♗f6∞) 26.♘f5 ♗c8 27.♘3h4∞

25...♗b7 26.♘h4 ♗c8 27.♕e3

27.f4 ♕e7 28.♘f3 ♘fd7 (28...exf4 29.♕xf4 ♘e8=) 29.f5 ♗g7∞

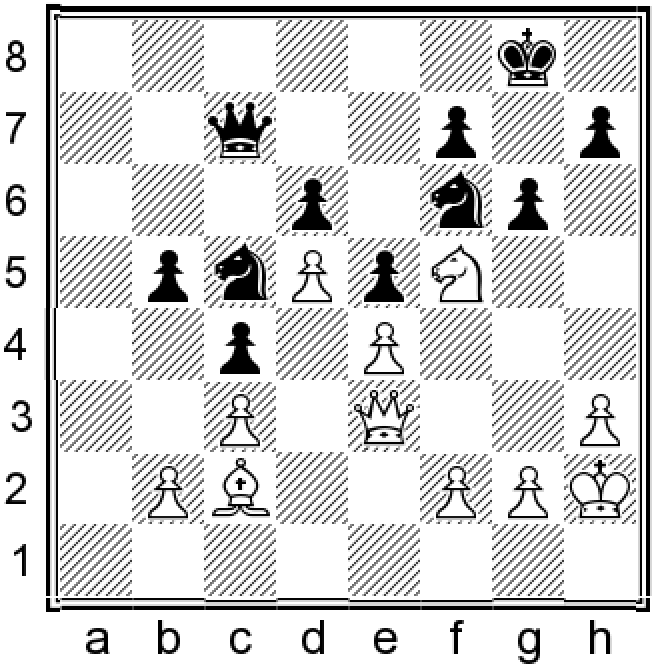
27...♗g7! 28.♗xg7 ♔xg7 29.♘hf5+

29.f4!?

29...♗xf5 30.♘xf5+

30.exf5?! ♘xd5 31.♕g5 ♘d3 32.f6+ ♘xf6 33.♘f5+ ♔f8 34.♕xf6 gxf5∓

30...♔g8



31.♘h6+?

31.♕h6! ♘e8 (31...gxf5 32.♕g5+ ♔f8 33.♕xf6 fxe4 34.♕h6+=) 32.♕g5 f6 33.♘h6+∞

31...♔f8 32.♕f3 ♔g7! 33.♘g4

33.♕e3?! ♘cxe4! 34.♗xe4 ♘xe4 35.♘g4 f5∓

33...♘xg4+ 34.♕xg4

34.hxg4 ♕d8 (34...h6) 35.♕d1 ♕g5 36.g3 ♘d7∓ Δ ♘f6

34...♕b6

34...♕a7 35.♕d1 (35.♕h4 ♘d3∓) (35.f4 ♘d7!∓) 35...♕a2 36.♕c1∓

35.♕e2

35.f4 exf4 36.♕xf4 ♘d7∓35.♕d1!? b4 36.cxb4 ♕xb4 37.♕e2∓

35...♕a5 36.♕e1 ♕a2 37.♕c1 ♘d3 38.♗xd3 cxd3 39.♕d1 ♕xb2

39...♕c4!? 40.f3 f5 (40...b4 41.♕d2 h6 42.h4 f5 43.♕e3! bxc3 44.♕a7+ ♔f6 45.♕d7=) 41.♕e1 f4! 42.♕d2 (42.♕h4 ♕c7-+) 42...b4-+

40.♕xd3 ♕xf2 41.♕xb5 ♕f4+ 42.♔h1 ♕c1+ 43.♔h2 ♕f4+ 44.♔h1 ♕c1+

44...♕xe4! 45.♕c6 ♕b1+! 46.♔h2 ♕b8 47.♕d7 (47.c4 ♕b4 48.♕d7 e4 49.♕e7 ♕xc4 50.♕xd6 ♕d4-+) 47...♔f6 48.c4 ♕b6∓

45.♔h2 ♕xc3 46.♕d7 ♕b4 47.♕d8 h5 48.♔h1 ♕xe4 49.♕xd6 ♕d4

49...h4!? 50.♔h2! (50.♕d8? ♕e1+ 51.♔h2 e4 52.d6 e3 53.d7 ♕g3+ 54.♔h1 e2-+) 50...♕e1 51.♕e7=49...g5! 50.♕e7 (50.♕d8 ♕f5 51.d6 g4) 50...♕f5 51.d6 g4 52.hxg4 hxg4 53.♕h4 f6 (53...♕g6 54.♔h2 ♕xd6 55.♕xg4+ ♕g6) 54.♕g3 ♕b1+ 55.♔h2 ♕d1 56.♕a3 ♕d4∓

50.♕d8!

50.♕c6 e4 51.d6 ♕a1+ 52.♔h2 ♕e5+ 53.♔g1 e3-+

50...e4 51.d6 ♕a1+

51...e3 52.♕e7∓

52.♔h2 ♕e5+ 53.♔h1 e3 54.♕e7 ♕e6

54...♕f6 55.♕xe3 ♕xd6∓

55.♕xe6 fxe6 56.d7 e2 57.d8=Q e1=Q+ 58.♔h2 ♕e5+ 59.g3 ♕c5 60.h4 ♔f7 61.♕d7+ ♕e7 62.♕c6 e5 63.♕c4+ ♕e6 64.♕c7+ ♔f6 65.♕d8+ ♕e7 66.♕h8+

66.♕b6+

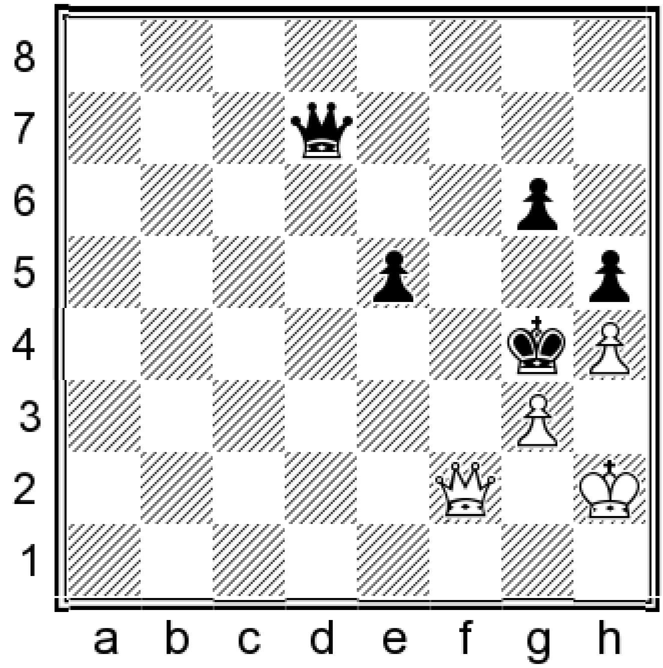
66...♔e6 67.♕c8+ ♕d7 68.♕g8+

68.♕c2!

68...♔f5 69.♕f8+?!

69.♕c4!

69...♔g4 70.♕f2



70...♕c6

70...♕d5 71.♕c2 (71.♕e2+ ♕f3 72.♕c4+ e4 73.♕c8+ ♕f5 74.♕c2) 71...e4 72.♕f2 ♕f5 73.♕c2 (73.♕f1!)70...♕d3! 71.♕g2 ♕c4! 72.♕h3+ (72.♕f2 ♕e4! 73.♕a2 ♔f3) 72...♔f3 73.g4+ ♔e2-+

71.♕d2 ♔f5

71...♕e4 72.♕d1+ ♕f3 73.♕d7+ ♕f5 74.♕d1+=

72.♕f2+ ♔e6 73.♕a2+ ♕d5 74.♕a6+ ♕d6 75.♕c4+ ♔f6 76.♕e4 ♕d2+ 77.♔h3 ♕d4 78.♕c6+ ♔f7 79.♕b7+ ♔e6 80.♕c6+ ♕d6 81.♕e4 ♔f7 82.♔h2

82.♔g2

82...♕d2+ 83.♔h3 ♕d7+ 84.♔h2 ♕f5 85.♕b7+ ♔f6 86.♕c6+

86.♕b6+

86...♕e6 87.♕f3+ ♔g7 88.♕e4 ♕f5 89.♕b7+ ♕f7 90.♕b2 ♕d5 91.♕c3 ♔f6 92.♕b2 ♔f5 93.♕c1 ♔f6 94.♕g5+ ♔f7 95.♕e3 ♔e6 96.♕c1 ♔d7 97.♕h6 ♕a2+ 98.♔h3 ♕e6+ 99.♔g2 ♕c6+ 100.♔h2 ♕c2+ 101.♔h3 ♔e6

⌓101...♕f5+ 102.♔h2 e4

102.♕h8 ♕c6 103.♕g8+ ♔f5 104.♕f8+ ♔e4 105.♕b4+ ♔d5 106.♕b3+ ♔d6 107.♕a3+ ♔d7 108.♕a7+ ♔c8 109.♕a1 e4 110.♕h8+ ♔c7 111.♕e5+ ♔b6 112.♕b2+ ♔c5 113.♔h2

113.♕c3+!

113...♕d5 114.♕c3+ ♔b5 115.♕b2+ ♔c6 116.♕c3+ ♕c5 117.♕f6+ ♕d6 118.♕c3+ ♔d5 119.♕b3+ ♔e5 120.♕c3+ ♔f5 121.♕c8+ ♔f6 122.♕h8+ ♔e6 123.♕e8+ ♔d5 124.♕a8+ ♕c6 125.♕a2+ ♕c4 126.♕a5+

126.♕d2+ ♕d3 127.♕g5+ ♔c4 128.♕xg6=

126...♔d4 127.♕d2+

127.♕b6+!? ♔c3 128.♕xg6 ♕e2+ 129.♔g1!= (129.♔h3? ♕g4+ 130.♕xg4 hxg4+ 131.♔xg4 e3-+)

127...♕d3 128.♕b2+?

128.♕b4+!

128...♔e3?

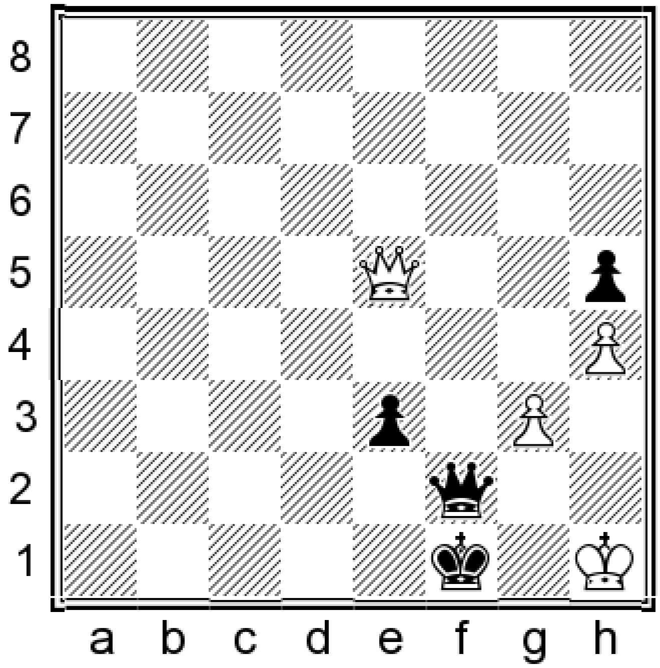
128...♔c4! 129.♕a2+ ♔c3 130.♕a5+ ♔c2 131.♕a2+ ♔d1-+

129.♕b6+ ♔d2 130.♕xg6 e3 131.♕g5?

131.♕f6! e2 132.♕b2+ ♔e3 133.♕e5+ ♔f2 134.♕f6+ ♕f3 135.♕d4+ ♕e3 (135...♔f1?? 136.♕g1#) 136.♕f6+=

131...♔e1 132.♕e5 ♕e2+ 133.♔g1 ♕f2+ 134.♔h1 ♕f3+?

134...♔f1!



135.♕b5+ (135.♕a1+ ♕e1 136.♕b2 e2 137.♕f6+ ♕f2 138.♕a1+ e1=N!-+ (138...e1=Q? 139.♕a6+=)) 135...e2 136.♕b1+ e1=N! (136...e1=Q? 137.♕d3+ ♕ee2 138.♕b1+=) 137.♕b5+ ♕e2 138.♕f5+ ♕f3+ 139.♕xf3+ ♘xf3 140.g4 hxg4 141.h5 g3 142.h6 g2#

135.♔h2 ♔f2 136.♕b2+ ♕e2 137.♕b7 ♕d2

137...♔f1+ 138.♔h1 ♕d3 139.♕f3+ ♔e1 140.♔g1 ♔d2 141.♕f4=

138.♕e4 ♔e1+ 139.♔h3 ♕d7+ 140.♔g2 ♕d2+ 141.♔h3 e2 142.♔g2

142.♕b1+ ♔f2 143.♕f5+ ♔g1 144.♕c5+ ♔f1 145.♕f5+=

142...♕b2

142...♕d6 143.♕b1+ ♔d2 144.♕b2+ ♔e3 145.♕c3+ ♕d3 146.♕c1+=

143.♕d5! ♕c3

143...♕d2 144.♕xh5

144.♕d6

144.♕xh5? ♔d2 145.♕g5+ ♔c2 146.♕f5+ ♔c1 147.♕f4+ ♔b2! 148.♕f2 ♕d2!-+

144...♕b3 145.♕d4 ♕b7+ 146.♔g1 ♕b3 147.♔g2 ♕a3 148.♕d5 ♕c3 149.♕d6 ♕d2 150.♕e5 ♔d1 151.♕a1+ ♕c1 152.♕d4+ ♕d2 153.♕a1+ ♔c2 154.♕a2+ ♔d1 155.♕a1+ ♕c1 156.♕d4+ ♔e1 157.♕d5

157.♕g1+ ♔d2 158.♕d4+=

157...♕a3 158.♕d4 ♕a5 159.♔g1 ♕f5 160.♕a1+ ♔d2 161.♕b2+ ♔e3 162.♕c3+ ♕d3 163.♕e5+ ♔d2 164.♕b2+ ♔d1 165.♕a1+ ♔c2 166.♔f2! ♕d2 1/2-1/2

D00-D49

134. D00
Carlsen, Magnus (2857) - Karjakin, Sergey (2769)
New York (m/1) 130/134, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗g5 d5 3.e3 c5 4.♗xf6 gxf6 5.dxc5 ♘c6

5...e6 - 121/116

6.♗b5 e6 7.c4 dxc4 8.♘d2N

8.♘c3

8...♗xc5 9.♘gf3 O-O 10.O-O ♘a5

10...c3!? 11.bxc3 ♗d7 12.♖b1 a6 13.♗d3 ♕c7=

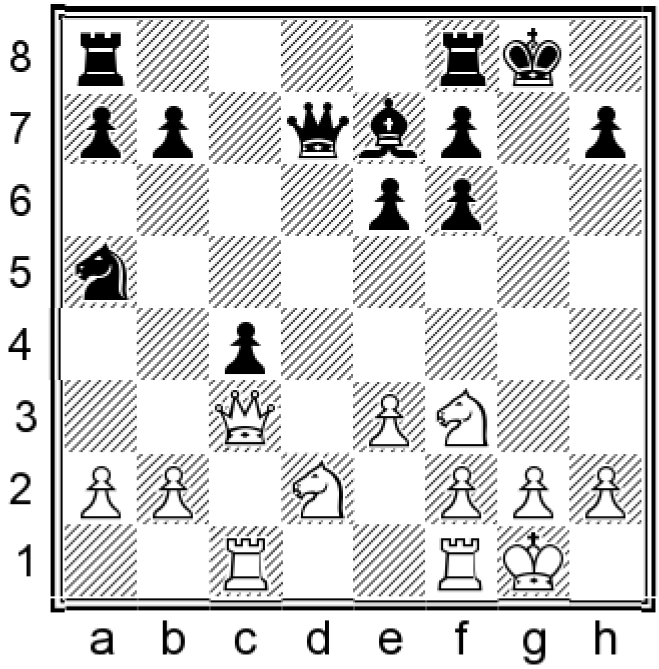
11.♖c1 ♗e7

11...a6!? 12.♗xc4 ♘xc4 13.♘xc4 (13.♖xc4 ♗e7∞) 13...b5∞

12.♕c2 ♗d7

12...a6 13.♗xc4 ♘xc4 14.♘xc4 b5 15.♖fd1 ♕c7 16.♕e4 ♗b7 17.♕g4+ ♔h8 18.♘d6 ♕b6 19.♘xb7 ♕xb7 20.♕h5∞

13.♗xd7 ♕xd7 14.♕c3



14...♕d5

⌓14...b6 15.♘xc4 (15.♘e4 e5 16.♖fd1 ♕e6 17.♘g3 ♖fd8 18.♘h4 ♗f8 19.♘hf5 ♘b7∓) 15...♖ac8 16.♕d2 ♕xd2 17.♘cxd2 f5 18.♘d4 ♔g7↑

15.♘xc4

15.e4 ♕b5 16.♘xc4 ♘xc4 17.♕xc4=

15...♘xc4 16.♕xc4 ♕xc4 17.♖xc4 ♖fc8= 18.♖fc1 ♖xc4 19.♖xc4 ♖d8 20.g3

20.♔f1 ♖d7 21.♔e2 ♔g7=

20...♖d7 21.♔f1 f5 22.♔e2

22.♘e5 ♖d5=

22...♗f6 23.b3 ♔f8 24.h3 h6

24...♔e7

25.♘e1

25.g4!?

25...♔e7 26.♘d3 ♔d8 27.f4

27.g4 fxg4 28.hxg4 ♖c7=

27...h5

27...♖c7 28.♖xc7 ♔xc7 29.♔f3 ♔d6 30.e4 ♗d4 (30...fxe4+ 31.♔xe4±) 31.exf5 exf5=

28.a4

28.♘e5 ♗xe5 29.fxe5 ♖d5 30.♖h4 ♖xe5 31.♖xh5 ♖c5=

28...♖d5 29.♘c5 b6 30.♘a6 ♗e7

30...b5!?

31.♘b8

31.b4 ♗d6

31...a5

31...♔e8? 32.b4

32.♘c6+ ♔e8 33.♘e5

33.♘xe7 ♔xe7 34.♖c7+ ♖d7=

33...♗c5 34.♖c3 ♔e7 35.♖d3 ♖xd3 36.♔xd3 f6 37.♘c6+ ♔d6 38.♘d4 ♔d5 39.♘b5 ♔c6 40.♘d4+ ♔d6 41.♘b5+ ♔d7 42.♘d4 ♔d6 1/2-1/2

135. D00
Torre, Eugenio (2447) - Salgado Lopez, Ivan (2662)
Baku (ol) 130/135, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗g5 g6 3.♗xf6 exf6 4.e3 ♗g7 5.♘e2 f5 6.g3 d5 7.♗g2 c6 8.O-O h5N

8...O-O8...♘d7

9.c4! dxc4 10.♘a3 h4 11.♘xc4 hxg3 12.hxg3 ♗e6 13.♕d3 ♗d5 14.♖fe1

14.f3 ♔f8 15.e4 ♗xc4 16.♕xc4 f4!? 17.♕b4+ ♕e7 18.♕xe7+ ♔xe7 19.gxf4 ♘a6±

14...♘a6 15.♖ac1 ♗xg2 16.♔xg2 ♕d5+

16...♘c5 17.♕a3 (17.♘d6+ ♕xd6 18.♖xc5 O-O-O∞) Δ17...♕d5+ 18.f3 ♖h2+ 19.♔xh2 ♕xf3 20.♕xc5 (20.♘d6+? ♔e7 21.♘xf5+ gxf5 22.♕xc5+ ♔d7-+) 20...O-O-O 21.♘d6+ (21.♘g1?? ♕f2+-+) 21...♔b8 22.♘xf7 ♕f2+ 23.♔h1 ♕f3+ 24.♔g1 ♕xe3+ 25.♔g2 ♕e4+ 26.♔h2+-

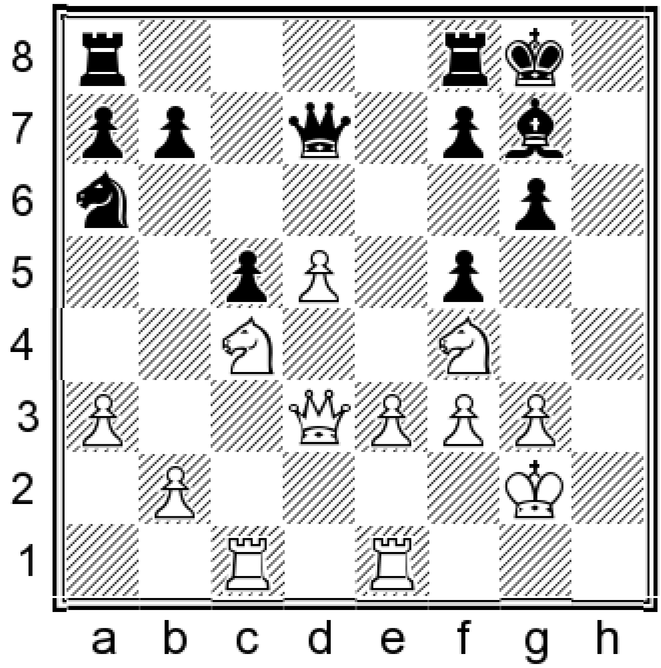
17.f3 O-O

17...O-O-O 18.♘f4 (18.♘c3?? ♖h2+! 19.♔xh2 ♕xf3 20.♘d6+!) RR18...♕d7□ (18...♕b5?? 19.♘d6+! ♖xd6 20.♕xb5+-) (18...♖h2+ 19.♔xh2 ♕xf3 20.♕f1 ♖h8+ 21.♘h3+-) (18...♘b4 19.♕b3 ♖h2+ 20.♔xh2 ♕xf3 21.♘d6+ ♖xd6 22.♕xf7+- (22.♖f1+-))

18.♘f4 ♕b5 19.a3 c5?!

19...♖ad8 20.b4 c5 21.bxc5 (21.♕b3 cxd4 22.♘xg6 ♖fe8 23.exd4 ♖xd4 24.♘d6? ♖xd6 25.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 26.♖c8 ♖d8-+) 21...♘xc5 Δ 22.♕c2 ♘e6 23.♘xe6 fxe6=

20.d5 Δ ♘a6 **20...♕d7**



21.d6! Δ ♘d5 **21...b5 22.♘a5 ♖ab8**

22...♗xb2 23.♘xg6! fxg6 (23...♖fe8 24.♖cd1+- (24.♖h1? ♖e6)) 24.♕b3+ c4 25.♕xb2 ♘c5 26.♖h1 Δ♕g7 27.♕xb5+-22...c4 23.♕d5 ♗xb2 24.♘xg6 ♘c7 25.dxc7 ♕xd5 26.♘e7++-22...♖ad8 23.♖cd1 ♗e5 24.♘d5 (24.♘xg6+-) 24...♕xd6 25.♘b7±

23.♖cd1 ♖fd8

23...♖fe8 24.♕d5 ♖b6 25.♘xg6

24.e4!

24.♕d5 ♖b6 25.♘xg6 ♖xd6=

24...fxe4 25.♕xe4

25.♖xe4 ♖b6 26.♖e7 ♕xd6

25...♖b6

25...♖e8 26.♕c6+-

26.♘d5 ♖xd6 27.♘e7+

27.♘c6!? ♖a8 (27...f5 28.♘de7++-) 28.♘ce7+ ♔f8 29.♘f6 ♖d2+ 30.♖xd2 ♕xd2+ 31.♔h3 ♕h6+ 32.♔g4 ♖d8 33.♘d7+!+- (33.♘eg8? ♕h5+! 34.♘xh5 f5+)

27...♔f8 28.♖xd6 ♕xd6 29.♘b7!+- ♕d2+ 30.♖e2 ♖d4 31.♘xg6+! ♔g8 32.♕e8+ ♔h7 33.♖xd2

33.♘f8+ ♗xf8 34.♕xf7+ ♗g7 35.♖xd2 ♖xd2+ 36.♔h3 ♖xb2 37.♘d6

33...♖xd2+ 34.♔h3 fxg6 35.♕xb5 ♖xb2?

35...♘c7 36.♕xc5 ♘e6 37.♕e3 ♖xb2 38.♕xe6 (38.♘d6! ♘d4 39.♘f7) 38...♖xb7

36.♕xa6 c4 37.♘c5 c3 38.♕xa7 ♖e2

38...c2 39.♘e6 c1=Q 40.♕xg7#

39.♕c7 c2 40.♘d3 1-0

136. !N D01
Jobava, Baadur (2665) - Ponomariov, Ruslan (2709)
Baku (ol) 130/136, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 d5 3.♗f4 c5

3...g6 - 128/128

4.e3 cxd4 5.exd4 a6 6.♗d3 ♘c6 7.♘ge2 e6!

7...♗g4 8.f3 ♗h5 9.g4 ♗g6 10.h4 e6 11.h5 ♗xd3 12.♕xd3

8.♕d2 b5!N

8...♗d6

9.O-O

9.O-O-O? ♕a5!-+

9...♗e7

9...♘b4 10.♘c1 ♘xd3 11.♘xd3

10.a3 ♗d7

10...O-O 11.h3 ♘a5⇄

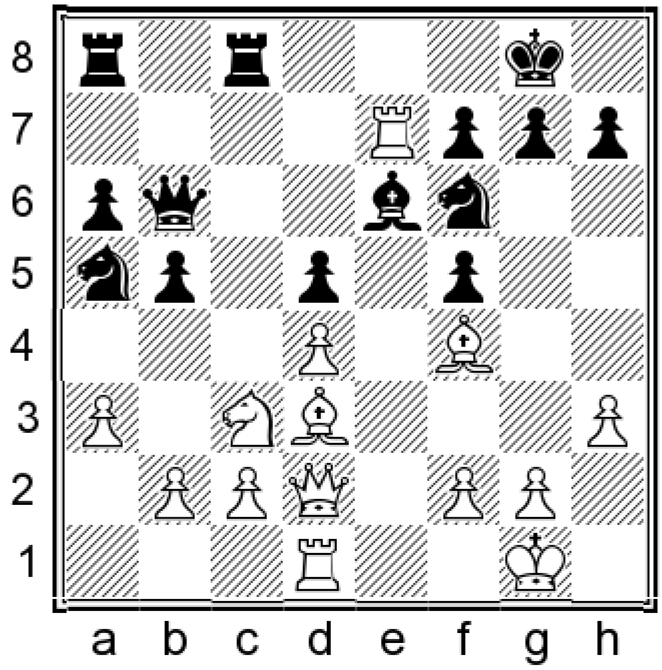
11.h3 O-O 12.♖fe1 ♘a5 13.♖ad1 ♕b6?!

13...♘h5! 14.♗h2 (14.♗e3 ♘c4∓) (14.♗e5 ♘c4∓) 14...♗g5∓

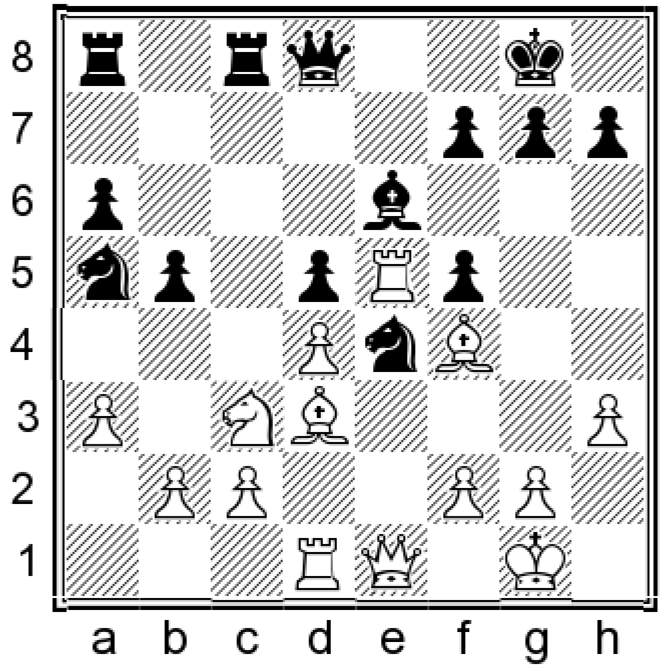
14.♘g3 ♖fc8?

14...♖fe8=

15.♘f5! exf5 16.♖xe7 ♗e6



16...♕d8 17.♖e5! ♘e4 (17...♗e6 18.♗g5±) 18.♕e1! ♗e6



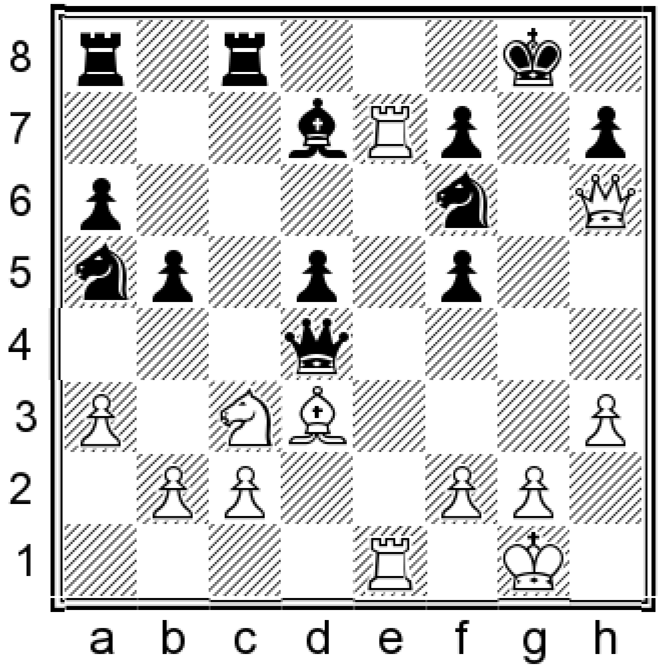
(18...♘xc3 19.bxc3 ♗e6 20.♖xe6 fxe6 21.♕xe6+ ♔h8 22.♕xf5±) 19.♘xd5!! ♗xd5 20.♖xf5 ♘f6 21.♗g5± ->

17.♗h6!! gxh6

17...♕d8 18.♗xg7!! (18.♕g5 ♕f8) 18...♕xe7 19.♕g5+-⌓17...♘h5 18.♕g5 ♘c6 (18...g6 19.g4+-) 19.♖xe6! fxe6 20.♗e2 ♕b7 21.♗xh5 ♔h8 22.♕e3! gxh6 23.♕xe6±

18.♕xh6 ♖xc3

⌓18...♗d7 19.♖de1! ♕xd4



(19...♘c4 20.♗xc4 dxc4 21.♖1e3 ♖c6 22.♘d5!! (22.♖g3+! ♘g4 23.♕f4+-) 22...♘xd5 23.♖g3+ ♖g6 24.♖xf7! ♔xf7 25.♕xh7+ ♔f8 26.♖xg6 ♕xg6 27.♕xg6+-) 20.♘xb5! ♗xb5 (20...axb5 21.c3! ♘g4 (21...♕xd3 22.♕g5+ ♔f8 23.♕xf6+-) (21...♕b6 22.♖1e3+-) 22.hxg4 ♕g7 23.♕xg7+ ♔xg7 24.♖xd7+-) 21.♗xf5! ♘c6 22.♖7e3+-

19.♕g5+! ♔f8 20.♕xf6 ♖xd3

20...♖c6 21.♗xf5+-20...♖c7 21.♗xf5! Δ♖xe7 22.♕h8#

21.cxd3 Δ 22.♖f7, 22.♖e6, 22.♖e1 **1-0**

137. D01
Bachmann, Axel (2645) - Praggnanandhaa, R. (2442)
Douglas 130/137, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗f4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♕d2 ♗g7 5.♗h6 O-O

5...♗xh6 - 128/128

6.♗xg7 ♔xg7 7.O-O-O c5! 8.e3

8.dxc5 ♕a5 9.♔b1 ♘c6 10.♘xd5? ♕xd2 11.♖xd2 ♘e4-+

8...♘c6N

8...♕a5

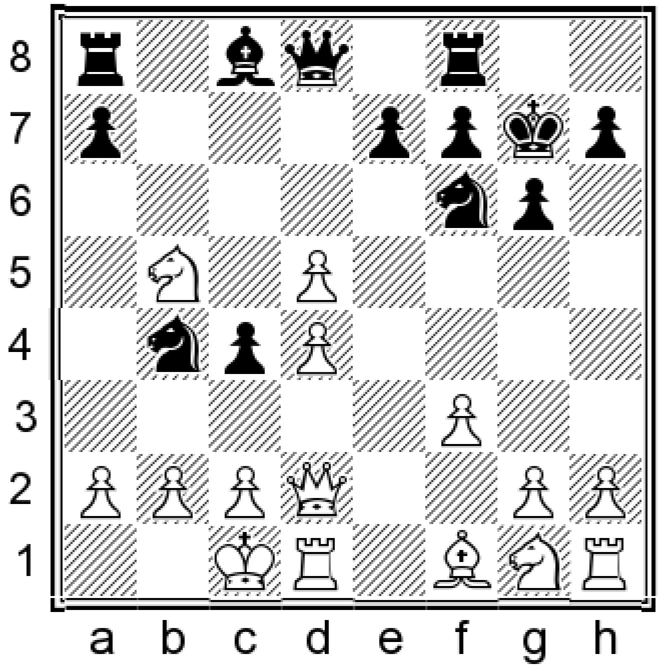
9.f3 c4! 10.e4

10.g4 b5 11.♘xb5 ♕b6 12.♘c3 ♖b8 13.b3∞

10...b5! 11.exd5

11.♘xb5 ♖b8 12.♘c3 ♕b6 13.b3 ♘b4∓ ->

11...♘b4 12.♘xb5?!



12.g4 ♘fxd5 13.♘ge2∞

12...♘xa2+! 13.♔b1 ♕xd5 14.♘a3?

14.♘c7 ♕b7! 15.♗xc4 (15.♘xa8? c3-+) (15.♔xa2 ♕xc7-+) 15...♖b8 16.♘b5 ♗e6! 17.♗xa2 (17.♗xe6 fxe6 18.♕e2 ♘d5-+) 17...♗xa2+ 18.♔xa2 ♕xb5-+14.♘c3 ♘xc3+ 15.♕xc3 ♗a6∓

14...c3-+ 15.bxc3?

15.♕f4 ♗e6

15...♖b8+ 16.♔a1 ♕a5 17.♔xa2 ♘d5! 18.♘e2

18.c4 ♘c3+

18...♗e6 0-1

138. D02
Carlsen, Magnus (2857) - Ghaem Maghami, Ehsan (2566)
Baku (ol) 130/138, 2016

1.d4 d5 2.♘f3 ♘f6 3.♗f4 e6 4.e3 ♗d6 5.♗g3 c5 6.c3 ♘c6 7.♘bd2 ♗xg3

7...O-O - 128/132, 133

8.hxg3 ♕d6 9.♗b5! ♗d7 10.♗xc6 ♗xc6 11.♘e5 ♕c7

11...♘d7 12.♘df3 (12.f4) 12...h6 (12...f6? 13.♘g6) 13.♘xd7 ♗xd7 14.♘e511...♕e7 12.g4 ♘d7 13.♘df311...h6!? 12.♕f3 (12.♘df3 ♘e4) 12...♕e7 13.♕f4 (13.g4 ♘d7) 13...♘d7

12.♕f3 h6 13.♕f4 ♕e7N

13...b6

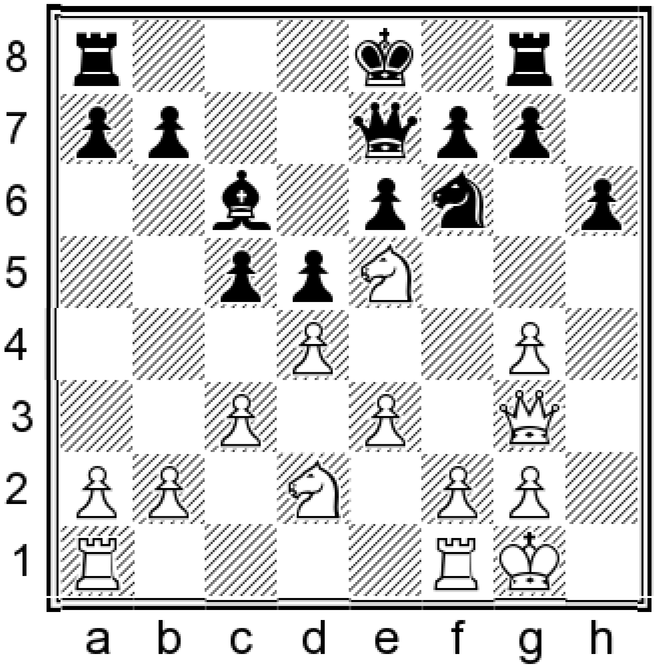
14.g4! ∆ g5 **14...♘h7**

14...♘d7 15.♘xd7 ♗xd7 16.g5↑

15.♕g3

15.dxc5 O-O 16.♕d4 (16.b4 a5) 16...♖fc8 17.f4 ♗e8 18.♘d3

15...♖g8 16.O-O ♘f6



17.♖ac1! ♖c8

17...♘d7 18.♘xd7 ♗xd7 19.c4!

18.c4± dxc4 19.dxc5 ♕xc5 20.♘dxc4 ∆ ♘f7 **20...♔e7 21.b4!**

21.♘xf7 ♘e4 22.♕f4 g5 23.♕h2+-

21...♕xb4 22.♘d3 ♘e4

22...♕b5 23.♕d6+ ♔e8 24.♕a3 ♖d8 25.♘d6+ ♖xd6 26.♕xd6 ♕d5 27.♕xd5 ♘xd5 28.♘e5+-

23.♘xb4 ♘xg3 24.fxg3 ♗b5 25.♖xf7+! ♔xf7 26.♘d6+ ♔e7 27.♘xc8+ ♔d7 28.♘xa7 ♗a4 29.♘d3 1-0

139. !N D03
Fodor, Tamas Jr (2505) - Palliser, Richard (2422)
Great Britain (ch) 130/139, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♗g5 d5 3.e3 c5 4.c3 ♘e4

4...♘bd7 - 102/273

5.♗f4 ♕b6 6.♕c1

6.♕b3

6...♘c6 7.♘f3 ♗g4

7...f6!? 8.♘bd2 e5 9.dxe5 g5 10.♗g3 ♘xg3 11.hxg3 g4 12.♘g1 (12.♘h4) 12...♘xe5∓

8.♘e5?!

8.♘bd2

8...♘xe5 9.♗xe5 f6! 10.♗g3 cxd4 11.exd4 e5!N

11...♘xg3

12.♗d3

12.dxe5 ♗c5 13.♕c2 ♗f5 14.♗d3 ♘xg3 15.hxg3 ♗xd3 16.♕xd3 ♗xf2+ 17.♔e2 fxe5∓

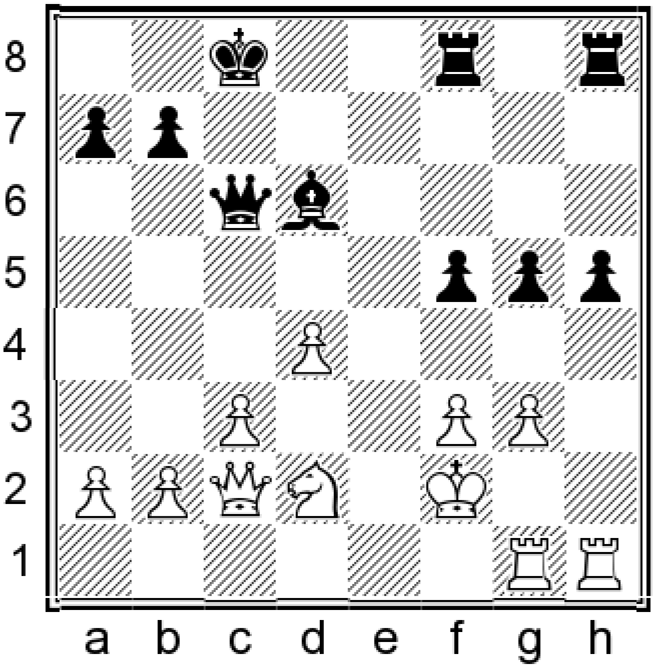
12...♘xg3 13.hxg3 e4

13...exd4 14.cxd4 ♗b4+ 15.♘c3 ♕xd4

14.♗c2 ♗d6 15.♗b3 O-O-O 16.♗xd5 e3!? 17.♗f3

17.♕xe3?? ♖he817.fxe3?? ♗xg3+ 18.♔d2 ♖xd5

17...♗xf3 18.gxf3 ♕c6 19.O-O exf2+ 20.♔xf2 h5 21.♖h1 g5 22.♘d2 f5 23.♕c2 ♖df8 24.♖ag1



24...g4! 25.♕d3?!

25.f4 h4

25...f4! 26.gxf4 ♗xf4 27.♘e4 ♗c7 28.♘d2 ♗f4 29.♘e4 ♗h2 30.♖xh2 ♖xf3+ 31.♕xf3 gxf3 32.♔xf3 ♖f8+ 33.♔e3 ♕h6+! 34.♖g5 h4 35.♖f2 ♖g8

35...♖xf2! 36.♔xf2 h3 37.♔g1 ♕e6 38.♖c5+ ♔b8 39.♘g3 ♕xa2-+

36.♖f5?

36.♖f6 ♕h8 37.♖xg8+ ♕xg8 38.♖h6 ♕g1+∓

36...♖xg5 37.♖xg5 h3-+ 38.♔f3 h2 39.♖c5+ ♔b8 40.♘f2 h1=Q+ 41.♘xh1 ♕xh1+ 42.♔g3 ♕e1+ 43.♔f3 ♕b1 44.a4 b6 45.♖b5 ♕d1+ 46.♔e3 ♕xa4 47.♖f5 ♕b3 48.♖f2 ♔c7 49.♔d3 b5 50.♖c2 ♔d6 51.♔d2 ♔d5 52.♔c1 ♕a2 53.b4 ♕a1+ 54.♔d2 ♕f1 55.♖c1 ♕g2+ 56.♔d3 ♕e4+ 57.♔d2

57.♔d2 ♔c4 58.♖c2 ♕d3+ 59.♔c1 ♔b30-1

140. D07
Aronian, Levon (2795) - Rapport, Richard (2730)
Novi Sad 130/140, 2016

1.d4 d5 2.c4 ♘c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♘f3 e5 6.dxe5 ♗b4

6...♗e6 - 125/111

7.♗d2 ♘xc3 8.bxc3 ♗a5 9.e3 O-O 10.♕a4 ♗b6N

10...♕e710...♕d5

11.♕f4 ♕e7 12.h4

12.♗c4 ♗e6 13.♗b3 ♖ad8∞

12...f6!?=∞ 13.exf6 ♖xf6 14.♕c4+ ♔h8 15.♗d3 ♗f5 16.♗xf5 ♖xf5 17.♘g5?

17.O-O ♖af8∓17.♕e2∞

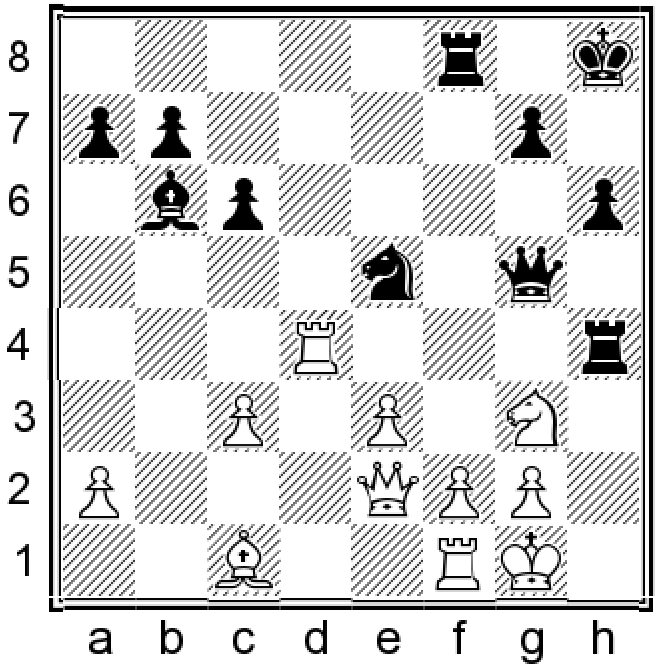
17...♘e5 18.♕e4 ♕d7∓ 19.O-O ♖e8

19...h6! 20.♘h3 ♖e8!∓

20.♕c2 h6 21.♘e4 ♖h5

21...♕d8!?

22.♘g3 ♖xh4∓ 23.♖ad1 ♖f8 24.♗c1 ♕g4 25.♖d5 ♕g5! 26.♕e2 c6 27.♖d4



27...♖h1+!?

27...♘g4∓

28.♔xh1 ♗xd4 29.f3?!

29.exd4? ♕h4+ 30.♔g1 ♘g4 31.♖e1 ♕h2+ 32.♔f1 ♕xg3-+29.♔g1 ♗c5∓

29...♗b6 30.♘e4 ♕h5+ 31.♔g1 ♗c7?!

31...♖f4!∓

32.♔f2?!

32.♗a3 ♖d8∓

32...♕h2 33.♔e1?

33.f4 ♖e8∓

33...♖d8-+ 34.♗d2 ♘d3+ 35.♔d1 ♕e5 36.g4

36.♘f2 ♕b5 37.♘xd3 ♖xd3

36...♕b5 37.♕g2 ♘b2+

37...♗b6!?

38.♔c2?!

38.♔e1

38...♘c4 39.♗c1 ♖d5 40.g5 ♘a5 41.♗d2 ♕d3+ 0-1

141.* !N D10
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2761) - Rapport, Richard (2752)
Baku (ol) 130/141, 2016

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.♘c3 ♘f6 5.♗f4 ♘c6 6.e3 ♗f5 7.♕b3 ♘a5 8.♕a4+ ♗d7 9.♕d1!?

9.♕c2 - 125/114

9...♖c8

9...♗f5? 10.♘f3 e6 11.♘e5± ∆ ♘a59...e6 10.♗d3 ♘c4 11.♕e2 ♕a5!? 12.♗xc4 ♗b4! 13.♗d3 ♗xc3+ 14.♔f1 ♗b4 15.♘f3 O-O 16.♘e5 ♗e8∞

10.♘f3 e6

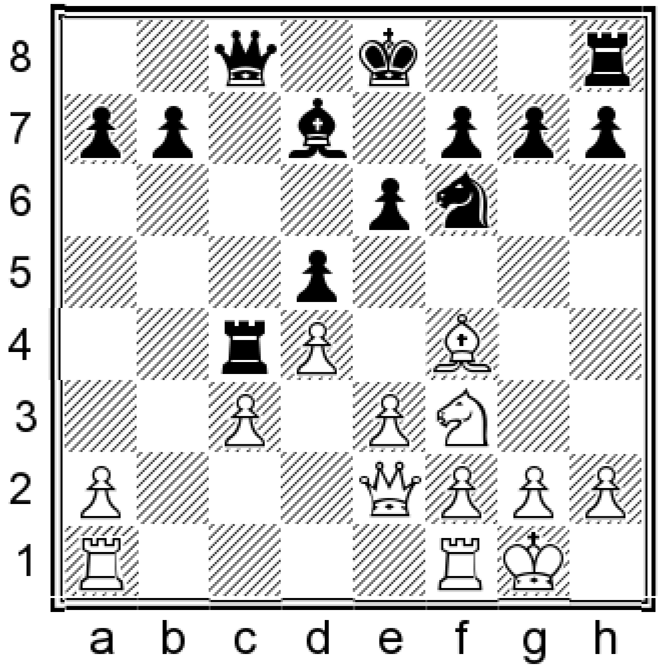
10...♕b6 11.♖b1 ♗f5 12.♗b5+ ♘c6 13.♖c1 e6 14.O-O ♗e7 15.♘e5 O-O 16.♗xc6 bxc6 17.g4! ♗g6 18.h4 h6 19.♘xg6 fxg6 20.♕d3±

11.♗d3 ♘c4

11...♗e7 12.♘e5 O-O 13.O-O

12.♕e2 ♕a5

12...♗b4N 13.♗xc4 ♖xc4 14.O-O ♗xc3 15.bxc3 ♕c8

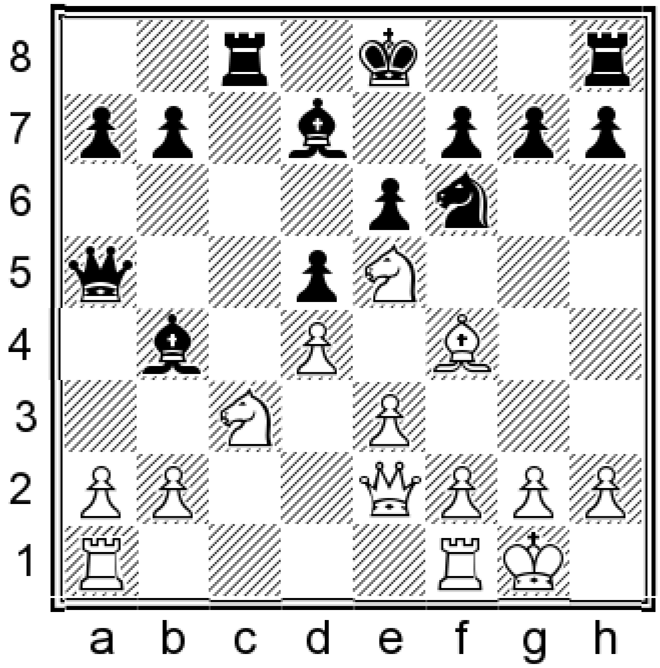


(15...♖xc3 16.♘e5!? (16.♕b2 ♘e4 17.♕xb7 g5 18.♗g3 ♕b6=) 16...O-O 17.♕b2 ♕c8 (17...♖c7 18.♘d3 ♖c8 19.♕xb7⩲) 18.♖fc1 ♖xc1+ 19.♖xc1 ♗c6 20.♕a3 ♕a8 21.♘xc6 bxc6 22.♕a6⩱) 16.♕b2 (16.♘e5! ♖xc3 17.♕b2⩱) 16...O-O 17.♖fc1 ♘e4 (17...♖a4!?) 18.♘e5 ♖c7?! (18...♖a4) 19.f3 ♘xc3?! 20.♖xc3 ♖xc3 21.♘xd7± Lei,T (2450)-Gunina,V (2548) Ningbo 130/(141) 2015

13.♗xc4!

13.O-O!? ♘xb2 (13...♗b4 14.♘e5↑) 14.♕xb2 ♕xc3 15.♕e2⩱ ♗e7 16.♖ab1 ♗c6 17.♖fc1 ♕a3 18.♘e5 O-O

13...♖xc4 14.O-O ♗b4 15.♘e5 ♖c8



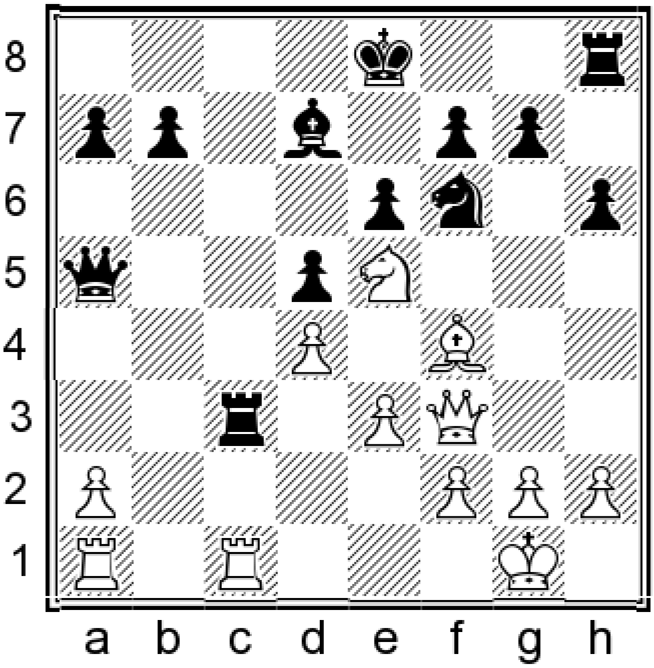
16.♕f3!N

16.♖fc1 ♗xc3 17.bxc3 ♗b5 18.♕b2 ♘h5=16.♘xd7

16...h6

16...♗xc3? 17.♗h6! O-O 18.♘xd7 ♘xd7 19.♕g3 g6 20.♗xf8+-16...O-O? 17.♗g5→

17.♖fc1 ♗xc3 18.bxc3 ♖xc3



19.g4! ♗b5

19...♘e4 20.♗xh6 f519...♕a3! 20.♖cb1 b6 21.g5 (21.♗xh6!? ♖xh6 22.g5 ♖h7 23.gxf6 gxf6 24.♕xf6 ♕e7=) 21...♘e4 22.gxh6 gxh6∞

20.g5 hxg5

⌓20...♘e4 21.gxh6 (21.♘xf7? ♖xc1+ 22.♖xc1 ♕d2-+) 21...gxh6 22.♗g3↑

21.♗xg5 ♖g8 22.♔h1! ♕c7 23.♖xc3 ♕xc3 24.♖g1 ♖f8 25.♗xf6 gxf6 26.♕xf6± ♗d3 27.h4 ♗e4+ 28.♔h2 ♕c7 29.h5

29.♖g7 ♕e7 30.♕f4+-

29...♗f5

29...♕e7 30.♕xe7+ ♔xe7 31.♖g7+-

30.h6

30.♖g7+-

30...♕c2 31.♕h4 ♕e4 32.♕xe4

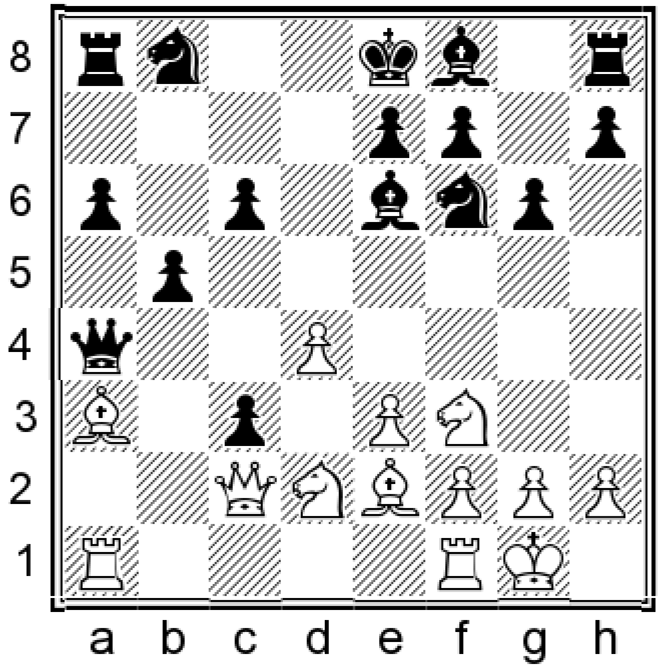
32.♘g4+-

32...♗xe4 33.♖g7 f6 34.♘g6 ♗xg6 35.♖xg6 ♖h8 36.♔g3 ♔f7 37.♖g7+ ♔f8 38.♖xb7 ♖xh6 39.♖xa7 ♖h1 40.a4 e5 41.a5 ♖g1+ 42.♔h2 ♖a1 43.a6 ♖a3 44.♔g2 ♔e8 45.dxe5 fxe5 46.f4 d4 47.exd4 exf4 48.d5 1-0

142.* D11
Maksimenko, Andrei (2466) - Starostits, Ilmars (2415)
Panevezys 130/142, 2015

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 dxc4 4.e3 ♗e6 5.♘bd2 ♕a5 6.♗e2 ♘f6 7.O-O b5 8.a4 ♗f5

8...♘a6 - 90/ 3188...a6N 9.♕c2 g6 10.b3!? (10.♘g5!? ♗c8 11.e4±) 10...c3 11.b4 ♕xb4 12.♗a3 ♕xa4 Chighladze,I (2338)-Starostits, I (2454) Rasht 130/ (142) 2015 (12...♕xa4



13.♕xc3!∞)

9.♘e5 ♘fd7

9...e6 10.g4! ♗g6 11.f4±

10.e4 ♗e6N

10...♘xe5

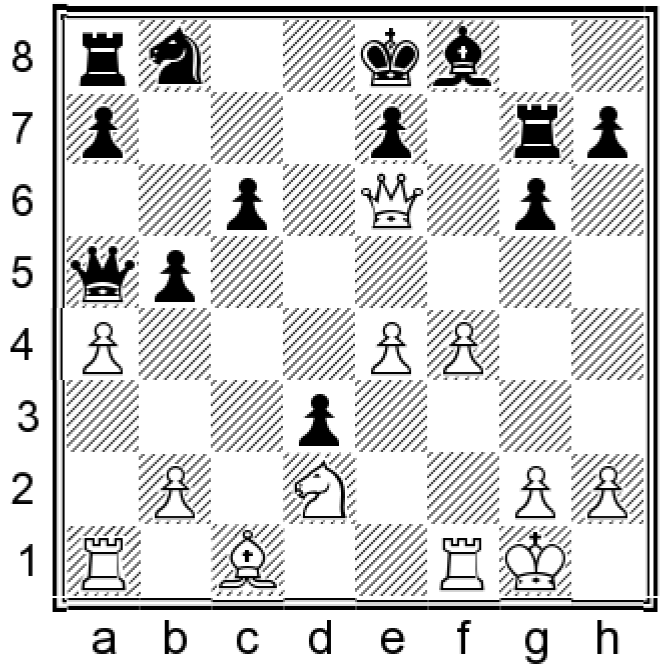
11.d5! ♘xe5

11...cxd5 12.exd5 ♗f5 (12...♗xd5 13.♘b3+-) 13.♘df3 ♘xe5 14.♘xe5 ♘d7 15.♘c6 ♕a6 16.♗f4+-

12.dxe6 fxe6 13.f4 ♘d3

13...♘f7 14.♘f3 ♕b6+ 15.♘d4±

14.♗xd3 cxd3 15.♕h5+ g6 16.♕e5 ♖g8 17.♕xe6 ♖g7



18.axb5! ♕xa1 19.♘c4 ♘d7 20.♘d6+ ♔d8 21.♘b7+ ♔e8

21...♔c7 22.♕xc6+ ♔b8 23.♘d8! ♘c5 24.♕xc5 ♕a2 25.f5+-

22.♘d6+ ♔d8 23.♘b7+ ♔e8 24.bxc6 ♘c5

24...♘b6 25.c7 ♘c8 26.♕c6+ ♔f7 27.♗e3 ♕xb2 28.♘d8+ ♔g8 29.♕xa8+-

25.♘xc5 ♕a5 26.♕d7+ ♔f7 27.♕d5+ ♔e8 28.c7 ♖c8 29.♕d7+ 1-0

143.* D11
Lorparizangeneh, Shahin (2478) - McShane, Luke J (2671)
Baku (ol) 130/143, 2016

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.g3 ♗f5 5.♘c3 e6 6.♘h4 ♗g4

6...♗e4 - 120/ 131

7.f3

7.h3 ♗h5 8.g4 ♘e4 (8...♘fd7 9.♕b3 b6 10.♘g2 ♗g6 11.♘f4 dxc4 12.♕xc4 b5 13.♕b3 b4 14.♘xg6 hxg6 15.♘e4±) 9.♘xe4 dxe4 10.♕b3±7.♕b3 ♕b6 8.h3 ♗h5 9.g4 ♗g6 10.♘xg6 hxg6 11.♗g2 ♘a6N (11...♘bd7) 12.♗f4 ♕b4 13.O-O dxc4 14.♕c2 O-O-O 15.♖fd1 ♗d6 16.♗g5 ♘c7 17.♘e4 ♗e7 18.♗d2 ♕b5 19.♘g5 ♖hf8 20.♘f3=∞ ♘cd5 21.♖dc1 ♗b4 22.♗g5 ♘b6 23.e4↑ c5?? 24.a3 cxd4 25.axb4 d3 26.♕d1+- Gelfand,B (2734)-Inarkiev,E (2730) Magas (m/ 4-rapid) 130/(143) 2016

7...♗h5 8.♕b3 ♕b6

8...♘a6 9.cxd5 ♘xd5 10.♘xd5 cxd5 (10...exd5? 11.♕xb7! (11.♘f5 ♗b4+ 12.♔f2 O-O 13.a3 ♗g6 14.♘h4 ♕a5 15.♗f4 ♗d2 16.e3 c5±) 11...♘b4 12.♗f4! g5 (12...♘c2+?? 13.♔d1 ♘xa1 14.♕xc6++-) 13.♗xg5 ♖b8 14.♕xa7 ♖a8 15.♗xd8 ♖xa7 16.♗f6 ♘c2+ 17.♔f2 ♘xa1 18.♗xh8+-) 11.♗d2±

9.c5 ♕c7

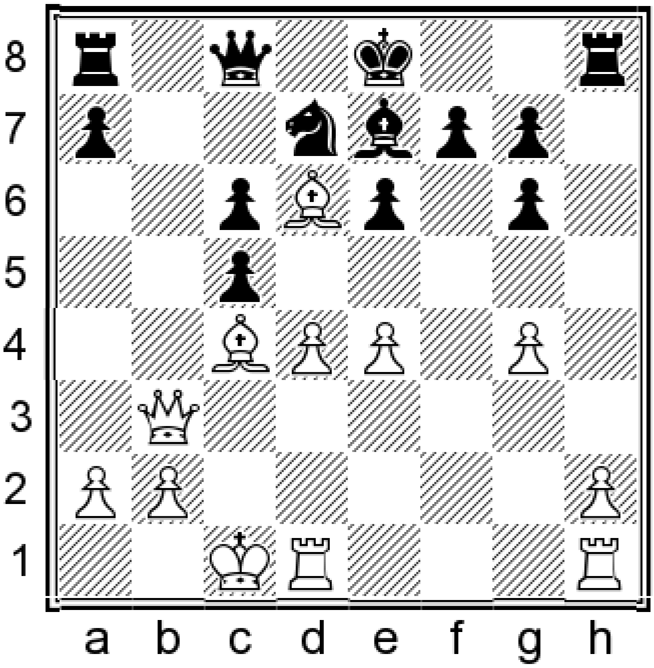
9...♕xb3!? 10.axb3 ♘a6 11.g4 (11.♖xa6?! bxa6) 11...♗g6 12.♘xg6 hxg6 13.e3 ♘c7 14.b4 a6

10.♗f4 ♕c8 11.g4!

11.♗h3 ♗e7 (11...b6!? 12.cxb6 axb6 13.♕xb6 ♘bd7 14.♕b3 ♗e7⯹) 12.O-O ♘bd7 13.e4 O-O 14.g4 ♗g6 15.♘xg6 hxg6 16.e5 ♘e8 17.♗e3 b6∞

11...♗g6 12.e4 ♗e7

12...dxe4?! 13.♘xg6 (13.fxe4 ♗xe4 14.♘xe4 ♘xe4 15.g5 ♗e7 16.♘f3↑ Δ 17.♗e3, 17.♗d3) 13...hxg6 14.♘xe4 ♘xe4 (14...♘d5 15.♘d6+ ♗xd6 16.♗xd6±) 15.fxe4 ♘d7 16.O-O-O (16.♗g3) (16.♗c4) 16...b6 17.♗c4 (Δ ♗e6) (17.♔b1!? bxc5 (17...♗e7 18.♗c4 O-O 19.♗d6±) 18.♗c4 ♗e7 (18...cxd4 19.♗xe6+-) 19.d5±) 17...♗e7 18.♗d6 bxc5



19.♗xe6! ♗xd6 20.♗xf7+ ♔d8 21.dxc5 ♘xc5 22.♕c3 (22.♖xd6+ ♔e7 23.♕g3 ♔xf7 24.♕f2+ ♔g8 25.♕xc5 ♕xg4±) 22...♔e7 (22...♔c7?? 23.♕a5++-) 23.e5 ♔xf7 24.exd6 ♕xg4 (24...♘d7?? 25.♕c4++-) 25.♕xc5±

13.g5N

13.♘xg613.O-O-O ♘bd7 14.♗d6±

13...♘fd7

13...♘h5±

14.exd5 exd5?

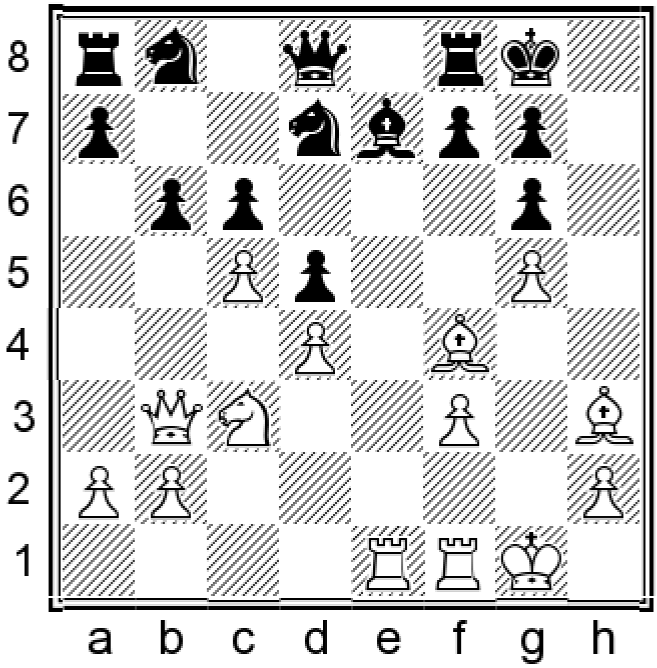
14...cxd5 15.♘b5 ♘c6 (15...O-O 16.♘d6±) 16.♖d1 (16.♘c7+?! ♔f8 17.♘xa8 ♘xd4 18.♘xg6+ hxg6 19.♕c3 e5∞) 16...O-O 17.♘d6 ♗xd6 18.♗xd6 ♖e8±

15.♗h3± O-O 16.O-O

16.♔f2±

16...♖d8

16...b6 17.♖ae1 ♕d8 18.♘xg6 hxg6



19.♘xd5! cxd5 (19...♗xg5 20.♗c7 ♕c8 21.♗d6 cxd5 22.♕xd5+-) 20.♕xd5 ♘xc5 21.♕xa8 ♕xd4+ 22.♗e3 ♕xb2 23.♕xa7±

17.♕d1

17.♖fe1± ♗f8 18.♘xg6 hxg6 19.♕c2 b6 (19...♘a6 20.a3 Δ b4) 20.b4 Δa5 21.cxb6 ♕b7 (21...axb4 22.♘xd5+-) 22.bxa5+-

17...♘a6 18.♖c1 ♖e8 19.♗d2! ♕d8 20.f4 ♗d3 21.♖e1

21.♖f3 ♗e4 22.♖g3→

21...♘c7

21...♘dxc5 22.dxc5 ♗xc5+ 23.♔h1±

22.♕g4 ♘f8 23.f5! f6 24.g6 b6

24...h6 25.♗f4 (Δ ♕g3) 25...♗a6 26.♖e3 b6 27.b4 bxc5 28.bxc5±

25.♖e3 ♗a6 26.gxh7+ ♘xh7 27.b4

27.♖g3 ♘g5 (27...♗f8 28.♘g6 ♕d7 29.♕h5 bxc5 30.♗g4!+- cxd4 31.♖h3 dxc3 32.♘e7+! ♗xe7 33.♕xh7+ ♔f8 34.♕h8+ ♔f7 35.♗h5+ g6 36.♗xg6#) 28.♘g6 bxc5 29.♕h5 cxd4 30.♖xg5 fxg5 31.♕h8+ ♔f7 32.♘e5+ ♔f6 33.♕h5! ♔xe5 34.♗f4+! gxf4 (34...♔xf4 35.♖e1) 35.f6+ g5 (35...♔xf6 36.♕f5#) (35...♔d6 36.♘e4+ dxe4 37.♕c5#) 36.♕xg5+ ♔d6 37.♘e4+ dxe4 38.♕c5#

27...bxc5 28.bxc5 ♖b8 29.♘g6

29.♖g3 ♘g5 30.♘g6 ♖b2 31.♕h5 ♘f7 (31...♖xd2 32.♖xg5 fxg5 33.♕h8+ ♔f7 34.♘e5+ ♔f6 35.♕h5+-) 32.♗f4 ♖b4 33.♔h1 ♖xd4 34.♖cg1+- ♗xc5 35.♘e7+ ♔f8 36.♖xg7

29...♖b2 30.♘xe7+?

30.♖ce1 ♗f8 31.♖xe8 ♘xe8 32.♗h6 ♕d7 (32...♖b7 33.♗g2 ♗c4 34.♗f4+- Δ ♕h5) (32...♖c2 33.♘xf8 ♔xf8 (33...♘xf8 34.♖xe8+-) 34.♕g6 gxh6 35.♕xh7 ♖xc3 36.♗g4+-) 33.♗f4 (33.♘xf8? ♔xf8±) 33...♗c4 34.♕h5! ♕f7 (34...♘c7

35.♕xh7++-) 35.♗g4+- Δ ♘f8

30...♖xe7 31.♖xe7 ♕xe7 32.♖e1 ♕f7 33.♗f4 ♖b7

33...♘b5 34.♘xb5 ♗xb5 35.♕f3!+- (Δ ♗g4-h5) 35...♘g5 36.♗xg5 fxg5 37.♗g433...♖b8! 34.♕g6 (34.♕g3 ♖e8!±) 34...♖e8 (34...♕d7 35.a4 ♖e8±) 35.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 36.♖xe8 ♘xe8 37.♗g4±

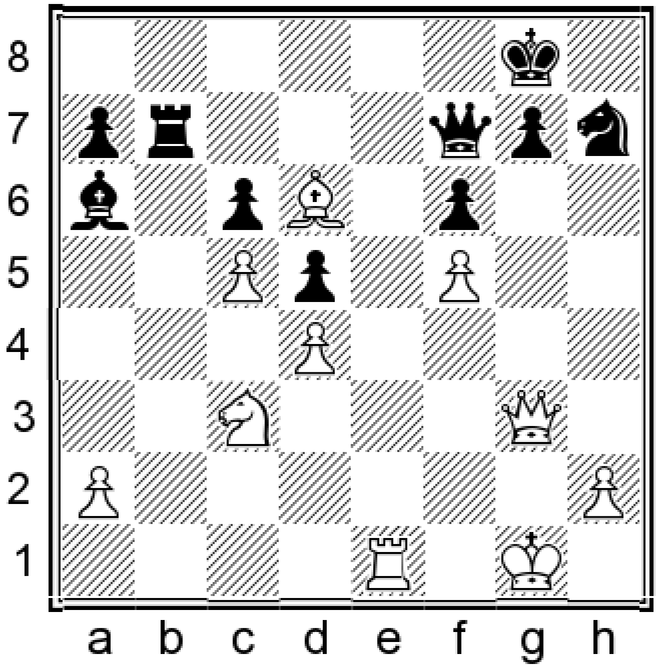
34.♕g3

34.♗d6 ♘e8 (34...♘b5 35.♘xb5 ♗xb5 36.♕g6+-) 35.♕g6 ♘xd6 36.cxd6 ♘f8 37.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 38.♘a4 ♘d7 39.♗g4+-

34...♘b5 35.♗f1 ♘c7?

35...♘f8

36.♗xc7 ♗xf1 37.♗d6+- ♗a6



38.♕g6! ♘f8 39.♖e8 ♖e7 40.♗xe7 1-0

144. D24
Wang, Yue (2737) - Mareco, Sandro (2606)
Baku (ol) 130/144, 2016

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 d5 4.d4 dxc4 5.e4 b5 6.e5 ♘d5 7.♘xb5 ♘b6 8.♗e2 ♘c6 9.O-O ♗e7 10.♗e3 O-O 11.♕c1N

11.a311.♘d211.♖c111.♘c3 ♖b8!?± (11...♗b7±)

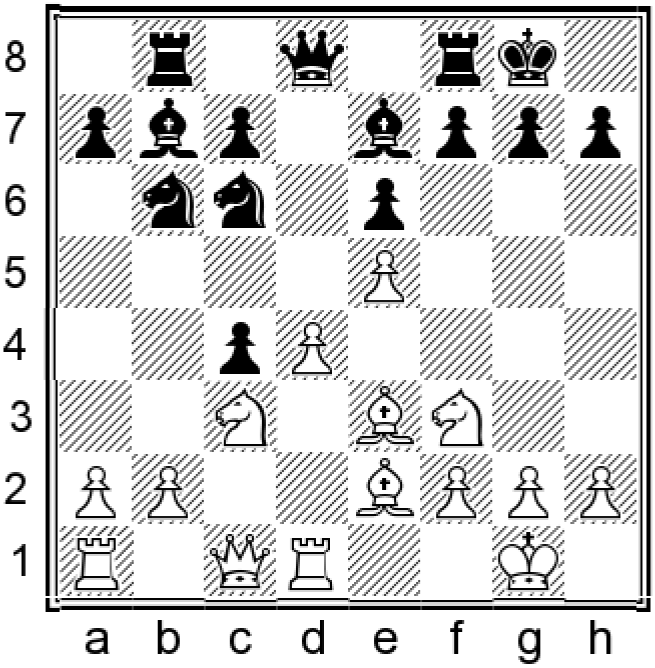
11...♗a6

11...♖b8 12.♘c3 ♘b4 13.♖d1±

12.♘c3 ♗b7?!

12...♘b4! 13.b3 (13.♘e4 ♖b8) 13...cxb3 14.♗xa6 ♘xa6 15.axb3 ♘b4=

13.♖d1 ♖b8



14.d5! ♘b4! 15.dxe6 ♕e8 16.exf7+ ♕xf7 17.♘e1 ♔h8

17...♕e6!? 18.f4 g5∞

18.a3

18.f4 g5 19.fxg5 ♗xg518.b3 ♘c6 19.♘f3±

18...♘c6 19.♘f3 ♕g6 20.♕b1! ♖f5

20...♘xe5

21.♘d5! ♘xd5 22.♖xd5 ♖bf8?!

22...♘xe5! 23.♘xe5 ♕e6 24.♘g6+ hxg6 25.♖d4±

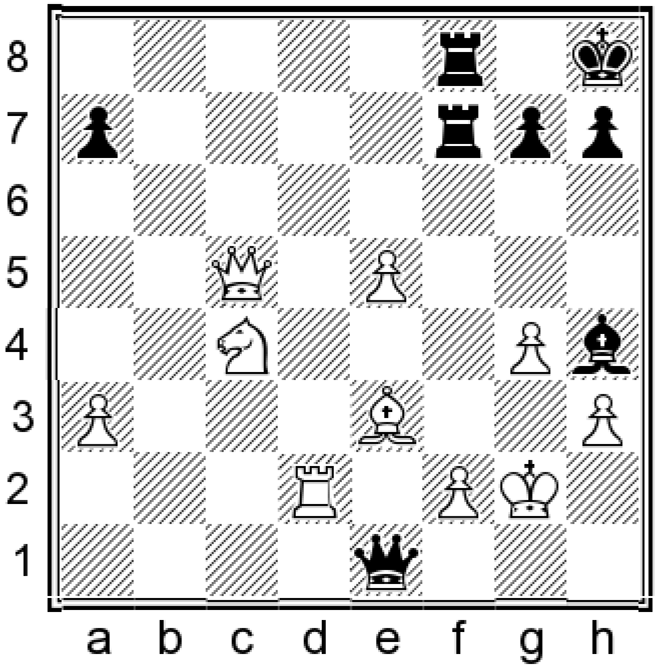
23.♕e4± ♘a5 24.♖ad1 c5 25.h3 ♕b6 26.g4! ♖5f7 27.♘d2?

27.e6 ♖f6 28.♘g5 ♖g6 (28...g6 29.♕e5+-) 29.♘xh7 ♖xe6 30.♕c2 ♗xd5 31.♖xd5+-

27...♗xd5 28.♕xd5 ♕xb2 29.♗xc4?

29.e6 ♖f6 30.♕d7! c3 31.♕xe7 c2 32.♘e4!! cxd1=Q+ 33.♗xd1 ♘c6 34.♕d6±

29...♘xc4 30.♘xc4 ♕e2! 31.♖d2 ♕e1+ 32.♔g2 ♗h4 33.♕xc5



33.e6 ♖xf2+ 34.♖xf2 ♖xf2+ 35.♗xf2 ♕xf2+ 36.♔h1 ♕e1+ 37.♔g2 ♕g3+ 38.♔h1 ♕xh3+ 39.♔g1 ♕xg4+ 40.♔f1 ♕d4-+

33...♖f3! 34.e6 ♖g3+ 35.fxg3 ♕f1+ 36.♔h2 ♗xg3+ 0-1

145. D24
Topalov, Veselin (2760) - Caruana, Fabiano (2823)
Saint Louis 130/145, 2016

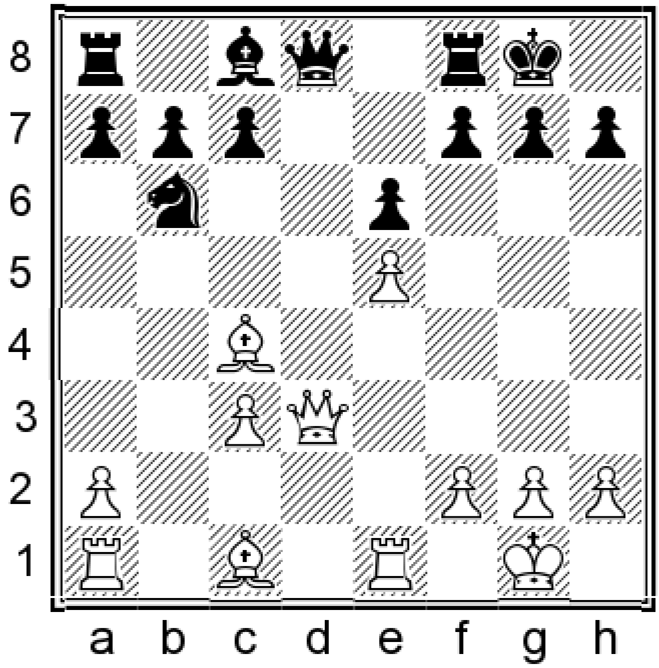
1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.d4 dxc4 5.e4 ♗b4 6.♗xc4 ♘xe4 7.O-O ♘xc3 8.bxc3 ♗d6 9.♖e1

9.♘g5 - 113/145

9...O-O 10.♕d3N

10.♘g5

10...♘d7 11.♘e5 ♗xe5 12.dxe5 ♘b6



13.♕g3!!

13.♕e4 ♘xc4 14.♕xc4 b6∓

13...♘xc4 14.♗h6

14.♗g5 f6 15.♗xf6 (15.exf6 ♖f7 16.♖ad1 ♘d6-+) 15...♕d7 (15...♖xf6 16.exf6 ♕xf6 17.♕xc7∞) 16.♖ad1 (16.♖e4 ♘d6-+) 16...♕f7 17.♖d4 ♔h8∓

14...g6 15.♖ad1 ♗d7

15...♕e7 16.♖d4 (16.♗xf8 ♔xf8-+) (16.♗g5 f6 17.exf6 ♕f7 18.h4 ♖e8-+) 16...♘b6! (16...b5 17.♗g5 f6 (17...♕c5? 18.♗f6 ♘d6 (18...♗b7? 19.♖h4+-) 19.exd6 cxd6 20.♗e7 ♖e8 21.♗xd6 ♕f5 22.♗e5±) 18.♗xf6 (18.exf6 ♕f7-+) 18...♕f7 19.♖g4 ♘d6 20.h4 ♘f5 21.♕f3 ♖b8 22.h5→) 17.h4!?→

16.h4 ♘b6 17.h5 ♕e7 18.♖d4 ♗e8 19.♗g5 f6?

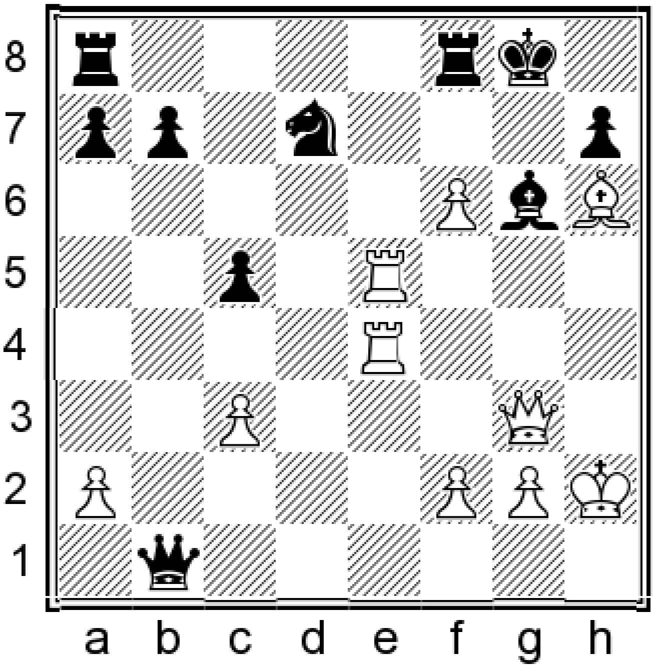
19...♕c5 20.♕h4 ♗c6 21.♖e3→

20.exf6 ♕c5

20...♕f7!?

21.♖xe6 ♕f5 22.♖e5 ♕b1+ 23.♔h2 gxh5?

23...c5 24.♖de4 ♗f7 (24...♗c6?? 25.hxg6+-) 25.hxg6 ♗xg6 26.♗h6 ♘d7



27.f7+! ♖xf7 28.♖e8+ ♖f8 29.♕g4 ♖fxe8 30.♕xd7 ♗f7 31.♖g4+ ♕g6 32.♖xg6+ hxg6 33.♕xb7±

24.♗h6++- ♗g6

24...♕g6 25.♖g5

25.♗xf8 ♖xf8 26.♕g5 ♕xa2 27.♖e7 ♕xf2 28.♖g7+ ♔h8 29.♖xg6 1-0

146. D27
Karjakin, Sergey (2772) - Carlsen, Magnus (2857)
New York (m/7) 130/146, 2016

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.e3 a6 5.♗d3 dxc4 6.♗xc4 e6 7.♘f3 c5 8.O-O b5 9.♗e2 ♗b7 10.dxc5 ♘c6!?

10...♕xd1 - 124/128

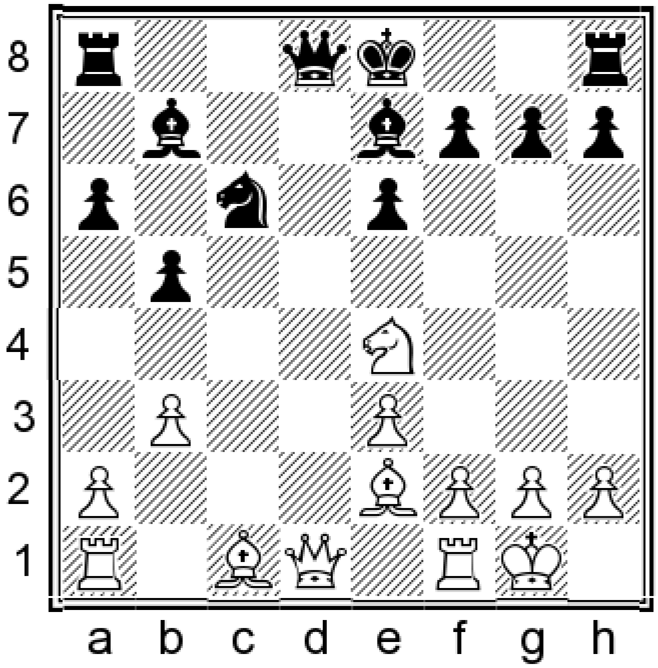
11.♘d2?!N

11.♕c211.a311.b4

11...♗xc5 12.♘de4

12.♘b3 ♗d6!∓

12...♘xe4 13.♘xe4 ♗e7 14.b3



14...♘b4! 15.♗f3 O-O

15...f5! 16.♘g5 (16.♘d6+ ♕xd6 17.♗xb7 ♕xd1 18.♖xd1 ♖a7 19.a3 (19.♗f3 ♗f6 20.♖b1 ♘xa2∓) 19...♗f6 20.♖b1 ♖xb7 21.axb4 ♖d7∓) 16...♗xf3 17.♘xf3 ♕xd1 18.♖xd1 ♗f6 19.♘d4 ♔f7∓

16.♗a3!?

16.♗b2 ♕xd1 17.♖fxd1 ♖fd8↑

16...♖c8?!

16...♖b8↑

17.♘f6+ ♗xf6 18.♗xb7 ♗xa1 19.♗xb4 ♗f6

19...♕xd1 20.♖xd1 ♖c7 21.♗xf8 ♖xb7 22.♗b4 ♗f6 23.♖c1↑

20.♗xf8 ♕xd1 21.♖xd1 ♖xf8 22.♗xa6 b4!⯹ 23.♖c1 g6 24.♖c2 ♖a8

24...♗c3 25.♗c4 ♖d8 (25...♔g7? 26.a4!±) 26.f4 ♖d1+ 27.♔f2 ♔f8⯹

25.♗d3 ♖d8 26.♗e2 ♔f8 27.♔f1 ♖a8 28.♗c4 ♖c8 29.♔e2 ♔e7 30.f4 h6 31.♔f3 ♖c7 32.g4 g5 33.♔e4 ♖c8 1/2-1/2

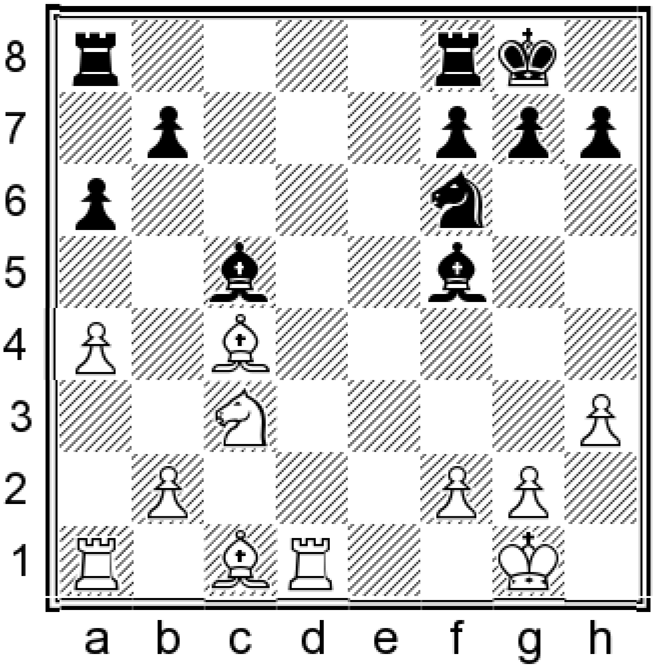
147. D27
Eljanov, Pavel (2741) - Caruana, Fabiano (2813)
Douglas 130/147, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 d5 3.c4 e6 4.♘c3 dxc4 5.e3 a6 6.a4 c5 7.♗xc4 ♘c6 8.O-O ♗e7 9.♕e2 cxd4 10.♖d1 e5 11.exd4 exd4 12.♘xd4 ♘xd4 13.♕e5 ♕d6 14.♕xd4 ♕xd4 15.♖xd4 ♗c5 16.♖d1 O-O 17.h3

17.♖e1 - 82/(348)17.♗g5 - 82/348

17...♗e6

17...♗f5



18.♗d5! (18.♘d5) 18...♖a7 (18...♗c2 19.♗xb7 ♗xd1 20.♗xa8 ♖xa8 21.♘xd1±) 19.♗f4 b6 20.♗f3±

18.♗xe6 fxe6 19.♔f1 ♘d5N

19...♖ad8

20.f3

20.♘xd5?? ♖xf2+ 21.♔e1 exd5 22.♖d2 ♖e8+ 23.♔d1 ♖f1+ 24.♔c2 ♗e3 25.♖d3 ♗h6-+20.♘e4 ♖ac8 21.♖d3 ♗e7=

20...♘xc3 21.bxc3 ♖ac8= 22.♖b1

22.♖a2 ♖f5 23.♖ad2 ♗f8=

22...b6 23.♖e1

23.♖b2 ♖f5 24.♖e2 ♖d5=

23...♖c6 24.♖e4 ♖d8 25.♗f4 ♔f7 26.♗e5

26.♔e2 ♗e7=

26...♖d2 27.♖g4 g6 28.♔e1 ♖d5

28...♖a2 29.♖d1 ♔e7 30.♖d2 ♖a1+ 31.♖d1=

29.♖f4+ ♔e7 30.♖e4 ♗d6 31.♗d4 1/2-1/2

148. D37
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2761) - Kramnik, Vladimir (2808)
Moscow 130/148, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♗e7 5.♗f4 O-O 6.e3 ♘bd7 7.a3 c5 8.cxd5 ♘xd5 9.♘xd5 exd5 10.dxc5 ♘xc5 11.♗e5 ♗f5 12.♗e2 ♗f6 13.O-O ♗xe5

13...♗e4 - 104/(102)

14.♘xe5 ♕f6 15.b4 ♕xe5 16.bxc5 ♖ac8 17.♖c1 ♖fd8N

17...♖c717...♗e4

18.♕d4 f6 19.g4

19.♖fd1 ♕xd4 (19...♗e4 20.♕a4↑) 20.♖xd4 ♖c6 21.♗f3 ♗e6 22.e4 b6 23.exd5 ♖xc5 24.♖e1 ♗d7=

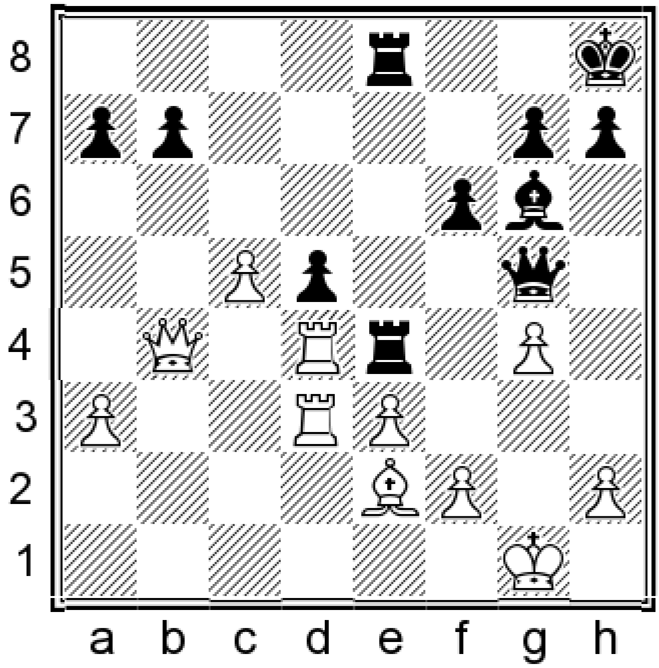
19...♗g6

19...♗e4!?

20.♖c3 ♖c7 21.♖fc1 ♖e7 22.♖d1 ♕g5 23.♕b4 ♖e4 24.♖d4 ♖de8

⌓24...♖xd4 25.♕xd4 ♗e8 26.♗f3 ♗c6=

25.♖cd3 ♔h8??



25...♖8e7 26.♖d1 (26.♕b3 h5 (26...♗f7? 27.♖xe4 ♖xe4 28.♕xb7+-) 27.♕xd5+ ♕xd5 28.♖xd5 hxg4=) 26...h5 27.♖xd5 ♖xb4 28.♖xg5 ♖xg4+ 29.♖xg4 hxg4 30.♗xg4 ♗e4=∞

26.♖d2! h5

26...♖8e7 27.c6! bxc6 28.♖xe4! ♖xe4 29.♕f8#26...♖4e7 27.♖xd5 f5 28.♖2d4+-

27.♕xb7 hxg4 28.♖xd5 f5 29.♗f1+- ♖xe3 30.c6!

30.fxe3? ♕xe3+ 31.♖f2 f4⇄ Δ g3

30...♖c3

30...g3!? 31.hxg3 ♖xg3+ 32.fxg3 ♕xg3+ 33.♖g2 ♕e3+ 34.♔h1 ♕f3 35.♕b5! ♖e1 36.♕d3 ♖xf1+ 37.♔h2 ♕h5+ 38.♕h3

31.c7 ♕f4 32.♖d7 ♖g8 33.♖2d4 ♕c1 34.♕b8 ♔h7 35.♖d8 ♗f7 36.♖xg8 ♗xg8 37.♖d8 ♗e6

37...♗c4 38.♖h8+ ♔g6 39.♕e8+ ♔g5 40.♖h5+ ♔f4 41.♖xf5+ ♔xf5 42.c8=Q+

38.♖h8+ ♔g6 39.♕e8+ ♔f6 40.♕f8+ ♔g6 41.♕d6 ♖c6 42.c8=Q 1-0

149. D43
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2761) - Gelfand, Boris (2743)
Moscow 130/149, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 c6 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗xf6 ♕xf6 7.g3 ♘d7 8.♗g2 dxc4 9.O-O ♗e7 10.♘e4 ♕f5 11.♘ed2 e5 12.e4 ♕h5N

12...♕e6 - 66/359

13.♘xc4 exd4 14.♕xd4

14.e5 ♘b6 15.♘d6+ ♗xd6 16.exd6 O-O 17.♕xd4 (17.♘xd4 ♗g4 18.f3 ♗d7=) 17...♗e6=

14...♕c5!?

14...O-O 15.e5 ♘b6!? (15...♗c5 16.♕c3 ♘b6 17.♘a5 ♗e7 18.♘d4↑) 16.♘xb6 axb6 17.♕xb6 ♗d8 18.♕b3 ♗c7⯹

15.e5

15.♕xg7?? ♗f6-+

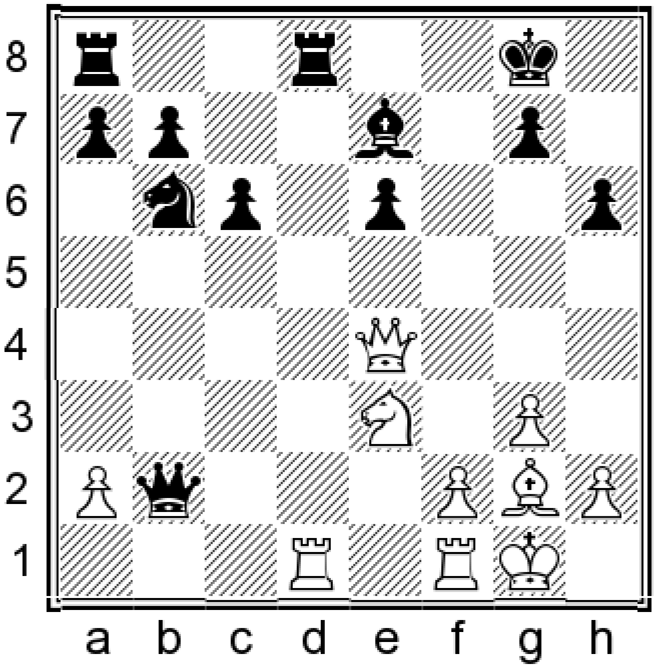
15...O-O 16.♕e4 ♘b6 17.♘e3 ♕b4 18.♘d4! ♖d8?!

18...♗c5! 19.♖fd1 (19.♖ad1 ♕xb2 20.♘b3 (20.e6 ♗xd4 21.exf7+ ♖xf7 22.♖xd4 ♗d7∓) 20...♗xe3 21.♕xe3 ♖e8∓) 19...♕xb2 20.a4⯹

19.♖ad1 ♕xb2 20.e6 ♗xe6?

20...♗f6 21.♘xc6! (21.♘ef5!? ♗xe6 22.♘xe6 ♖xd1 23.♖xd1 ♖e8 24.♘xh6+ gxh6 25.♕g4+ ♗g7 26.♘c5⯹) 21...♖xd1 (21...bxc6 22.♖xd8+ ♗xd8 23.♕xc6 ♗xe6 24.♕e8+ ♔h7 25.♗xa8±) 22.exf7+ ♔xf7 23.♘xd1 ♕xa2 24.♘e5+ ♔g8 25.♘e3⯹

21.♘xe6 fxe6



22.♗h3!

22.♕xe6+ ♔f8 23.♘g4 ♗f6±

22...♔h8 23.♗xe6 g5?

23...♖xd1 24.♖xd1 ♖f8 25.♘g4±

24.♘g4+- ♖xd1 25.♖xd1 ♕g7 26.♘e5 ♕f6 27.♗b3 ♔g7?! 28.♘g4

28.♘g4 ♕f8 29.♗c21-0

150.* D43
Stupak, Kirill (2561) - Bok, Benjamin (2592)
Baku (ol) 130/150, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 c6 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗xf6 ♕xf6 7.e3 g6 8.e4 dxe4 9.♘xe4 ♗b4+ 10.♔e2 ♕g7N

10...♕e7 - 123/143

11.c5 O-O 12.♕a4 ♘a6 13.♔e3?

13.♖c1N e5 14.♔d1 ♗f5 15.♘d6 e4 16.♗xa6 exf3 17.♕xb4 fxg2 18.♖g1 bxa6 19.♖xg2 ♗e6∞ Bromberger,S (2535)-Muzychuk,A (2561) Muenchen (rapid) 130/(150) 2016

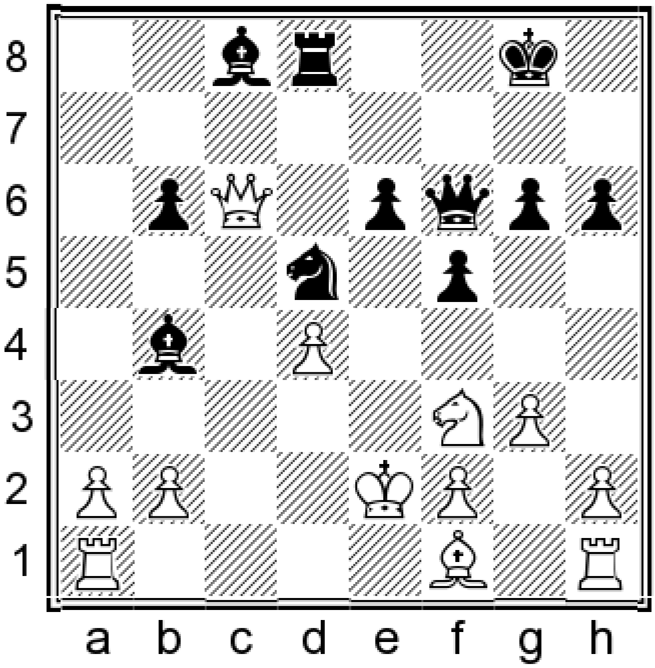
13...b5

13...f5!? 14.♗xa6 fxe4 15.♔xe4 ♗xc5 16.dxc5 bxa6∓

14.cxb6 axb6 15.♕xc6 f5!?

15...♖b8!? 16.♗xa6 ♗xa6 17.♕a4 ♗a5 18.b4 f5 19.♘c3 ♕c7→

16.♕xa8 ♘c7 17.♘f6+□ ♕xf6 18.♕c6 ♘d5+ 19.♔e2 ♖d8 20.g3?!



20.a3

20...♗c5! 21.♕a4

21.dxc5? ♕xb2+-+21.♗g2? ♗a6+ 22.♔e1 ♘b4-+21.♖d1 ♗a6+ 22.♔e1 ♗b4+ 23.♘d2 ♕xd4 24.♕xe6+ ♔f8-+

21...♘b4?

21...♗xd4! 22.♕xd4 (22.♘xd4 ♘b4! 23.♗g2 (23.♖d1 ♕e5+ 24.♔d2 ♖xd4+ 25.♔c1 ♘d3+ 26.♗xd3 ♖xa4-+) (23.♕xb4 ♖xd4 (Δ ♕e5) 24.♕c3 ♕e5+ 25.♕e3 ♖e4-+) 23...♗a6+ 24.♕xa6 ♘xa6-+) 22...♘f4+ 23.♕xf4 (23.gxf4 ♖xd4-+) 23...♕xb2+ 24.♘d2 ♕xa1-+

22.♖d1

22.a3 ♗a6+ 23.♔e1 ♖xd4 24.♕e8+ ♔g7 25.♗xa6 ♖e4+ (25...♖d8 26.♕xd8 (26.♕a4? ♕xb2-+) 26...♘c2+ 27.♔d2 ♕xd8+ 28.♔xc2 ♕a8 29.♗e2±) 26.♔f1 ♕xb2 27.♕d7+ ♔f6=

22...♗b7 23.♖d2 ♖a8 24.♕d1 ♗f8?

24...♖xa2 25.dxc5 ♖xb2 26.♕c1 ♖xd2+ 27.♕xd2 bxc5=∞24...e5!?

25.a3± e5?! 26.axb4 exd4 27.♕b3+ ♔h8 28.♖d1??

28.♗g2+-

28...♖e8+

⌓28...♕e7+ 29.♔d2 ♗xf3 30.♕xf3 ♕xb4+∓

29.♔d2 ♗xf3 30.♕xf3 d3! 31.♖b1?

31.♔xd3 ♕xb2 32.♕c6 ♖d8+ 33.♔e3 ♖xd1 34.♔f3 ♕d4∓

31...♗xb4+ 32.♔xd3 ♕e6!-+ 33.♔c2 ♖c8+ 34.♕c3+ ♗xc3 35.bxc3 ♕c6 0-1

D50-D99

151.* D63
Le, Quang Liem (2723) - Adams, Michael (2738)
Baku (ol) 130/151, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♗e7 5.♗g5 h6 6.♗h4 O-O 7.e3 ♘bd7 8.♖c1 c5

8...a6 - 126/(142)

9.dxc5 dxc4 10.♗xc4 ♘xc5 11.O-O ♘fe4?!

11...a6 12.♘d4 ♘ce4 13.♘xe4 ♘xe4 14.♗xe7 ♕xe7 15.♕c2N (15.♕d3) 15...♘f6 16.♗b3 ♖b8 17.e4 ♖d8 18.♖fd1 e5 19.♘f5 ♗xf5 20.exf5 ♖xd1+ 21.♖xd1 e4= Ding,L (2755)-Aronian,L (2792) Saint Louis 130/(151) 2016

12.♘xe4 ♘xe4 13.♗xe7

13.♕c2 ♘d2!⇄

13...♕xe7 14.♕d4N

14.♘e5

14...♘f6 15.♗b3 b6

15...♖d8 16.♕e5±

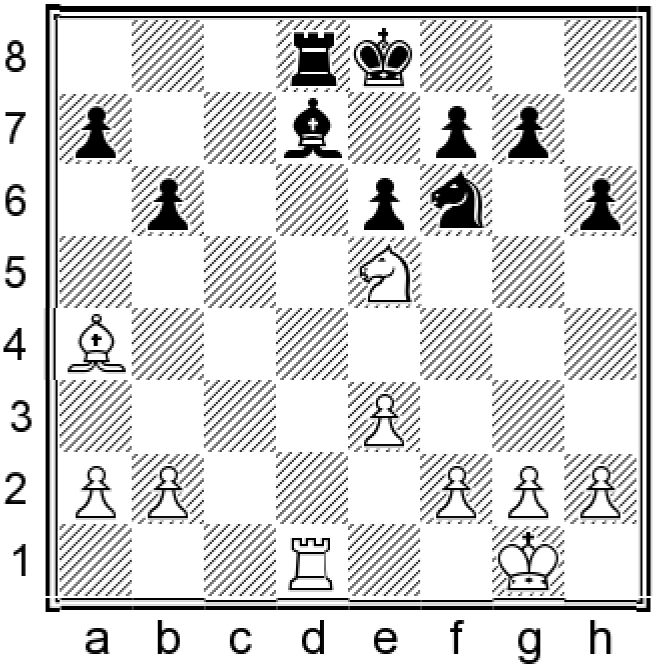
16.♕f4 ♗d7

16...♖d8 17.♖c7 ♖d7 18.♖fc1 ♗b7 19.♖xd7 (19.♗a4 ♖xc7 20.♖xc7 ♖c8=) 19...♕xd7 20.♖c7 ♕d3 21.h3±

17.♖c7 ♖fc8 18.♖d1 ♖xc7

18...♕e8! 19.h3 ♗c6=

19.♕xc7 ♕d8 20.♕xd8+ ♖xd8 21.♘e5 ♔f8 22.♗a4 ♔e8



23.♗c6!

23.♘xd7 ♘xd7 24.b4 a6 (24...♔e7 25.♖c1) 25.♖d6 b5 26.♗b3 ♖a8 27.f4 a5=

23...a5 24.♔f1 ♗xc6 25.♖xd8+ ♔xd8 26.♘xc6+ ♔c7!?

26...♔e8 27.♔e226...♔d7 27.♘e5+ ♔e7 28.♘c4 ♘d7 29.♔e2 ♔d8

27.♘e5 ♘d5 28.♔e2

28.e4! ♘b4 29.a3 f6! (29...♘a6 30.♘xf7 ♘c5 31.♔e2 ♘xe4 32.♔e3±) (29...♘c6 30.♘xf7 ♔d7 31.e5! ♔e7 32.♘d6 ♘xe5 33.♘c8+±) 30.axb4 fxe5 31.bxa5 bxa5 32.♔e2 ♔c6 33.♔d3 ♔b5 34.h4 (34.♔c3 g5) 34...♔b4 35.♔d2 ♔b3 36.♔c1 ♔c4=

28...f6 29.♘f3 ♔d6 30.a3 f5

30...e5! 31.♔d3 b5=

31.♔d3 ♘c7

31...♘f6! 32.♔c4 ♘e4 33.♔b5 ♘xf2 34.♔xb6 a4 35.♔a5 ♘d1 36.♔xa4 ♘xb2+ 37.♔b5 ♘d1 38.a4 ♘xe3 39.a5 ♘d5 40.a6 ♘c7+ 41.♔b6 ♘xa6 42.♔xa6 ♔d5=

32.♘d4 ♔d5 33.f3 a4

33...♘e8! 34.e4+ fxe4+ 35.fxe4+ ♔d6 36.♔c4 ♔e5=

34.e4+ fxe4+ 35.fxe4+ ♔c5 36.h4 h5 37.g3 b5 38.♔c3 ♔d6

38...g6 39.♘f3 ♘e8 40.♘e5 ♘d6 41.♘d3+ (41.♔d3 ♘c4) 41...♔b6 42.♔d4 ♘c4 43.e5 (43.♘e5 ♘xb2 44.♘xg6? ♘d1! 45.♘e5 b4 46.♘c4+ ♔b5-+) 43...♔c6 44.♔e4 ♘d2+ 45.♔f4 ♔d5 46.♔g5 ♘e4+ 47.♔xg6 ♘xg3 48.♔f6 ♘e4+=

39.♔b4 ♔e5 40.♘xb5 ♘xb5 41.♔xb5 ♔xe4 42.♔xa4 e5 43.b4 ♔f3 44.b5 e4 45.b6 e3 46.b7 e2 47.b8=Q e1=Q 48.♕f4+ ♔g2 49.♔b5 ♕e2+

49...♕e8+

50.♔a5 ♕e1+ 51.♔b6 ♕b1+?

51...♕e6+! 52.♔c5 ♕c8+ 53.♔b4 ♕b7+ 54.♔c3 ♕c6+ 55.♕c4 (55.♔b3 ♕b5+=) 55...♕f6+ 56.♕d4 ♔xg3=

52.♔a7 ♕h7 53.♔b8 ♕b1+

53...♕g8+!? 54.♔c7 ♕h7 55.♕g5 (55.♔d6 ♕d3+) 55...♕d3 56.a4 ♕c4+ 57.♔d6 ♕xa4 58.♕xg7 ♕a3+ 59.♔e6 ♕xg3 60.♕g5 ♔h3=

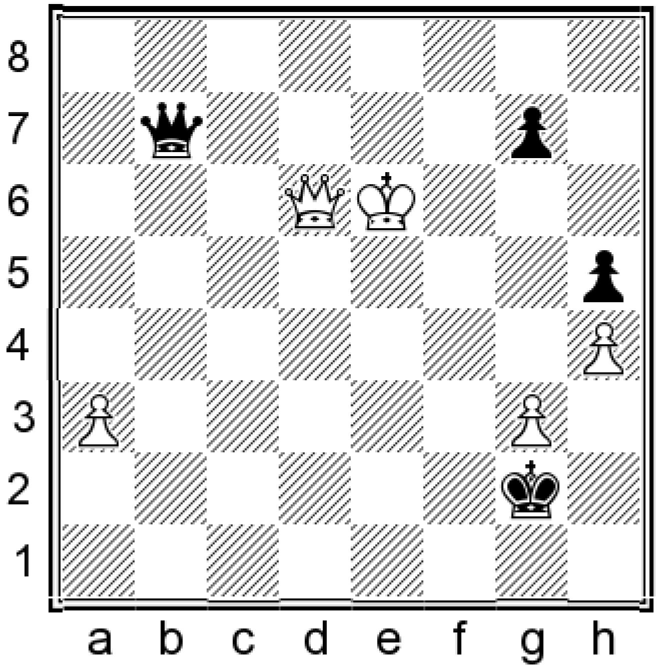
54.♔c8 ♕c2+ 55.♔d7 ♕d3+ 56.♕d6 ♕b5+?

56...♕e2! 57.a4?! ♕g4+=56...♕e3! 57.a4?! ♕a7+=

57.♔e7?

57.♕c6+ ♕xc6+ 58.♔xc6 ♔xg3 59.a4 ♔f2 60.a5 g5 61.hxg5! (61.a6?! gxh4 62.a7 h3 63.a8=Q h2 64.♔c5 ♔g1 65.♕a1+ ♔g2 66.♕b2+ ♔g1 67.♕c1+ ♔g2 68.♕g5+ (68.♕d2+ ♔g1 69.♕e1+ ♔g2 70.♕e2+ ♔g1!=) 68...♔f2 69.♕f4+ (69.♕xh5 ♔g2 70.♕g4+ ♔f2 71.♕h3 ♔g1 72.♕g3+ ♔h1=) 69...♔g2=) 61...h4 62.g6 h3 63.g7 h2 64.g8=Q h1=Q+ 65.♕d5 ♕a1±

57...♕b7+ 58.♔e6



58.♔e8! g5! (58...♔h3? 59.♕d7+ ♕xd7+ 60.♔xd7 ♔xg3 61.a4+-) 59.♕d2+ ♔xg3 60.♕xg5+ ♔h3 61.♕xh5 ♕a8+ 62.♔f7 ♕xa3 63.♕g5 ♕b3+=

58...♔h3! 59.♕d3

59.♔f5 ♕f3+ 60.♔g6 ♕g4+ 61.♔h7 g5!59.♕d7 ♕e4+

59...♕c6+ 60.♕d6

60.♔f7 ♕f6+ 61.♔g8 g5!=

60...♕b7 61.♔f5 ♕f3+ 62.♔g6 ♕g4+ 63.♔f7 g5! 64.hxg5 ♕xg5 65.a4 ♕f5+ 66.♔e7 ♕h7+

66...♕e4+?? 67.♕e6++-

67.♔d8 ♕g8+

67...h4! 68.gxh4 ♕xh4+=

68.♔e7

68.♔c7?! ♕c4+ 69.♕c6 ♕xc6+ 70.♔xc6 ♔xg3 71.a5 h4 72.a6 h3 73.a7 h2 74.♔b7 h1=Q+ 75.♔b868.♔d7 ♕g4+ (68...♕f7+!?) 69.♕e6 ♔xg3 70.♕xg4+ hxg4 71.a5 ♔f2 72.a6 g3 73.a7 g2 74.a8=Q g1=Q=

68...♕h7+ 69.♔f6 h4 70.gxh4 1/2-1/2

152. D78
Nakamura, Hikaru (2789) - Mchedlishvili, Mikheil (2609)
Baku (ol) 130/152, 2016

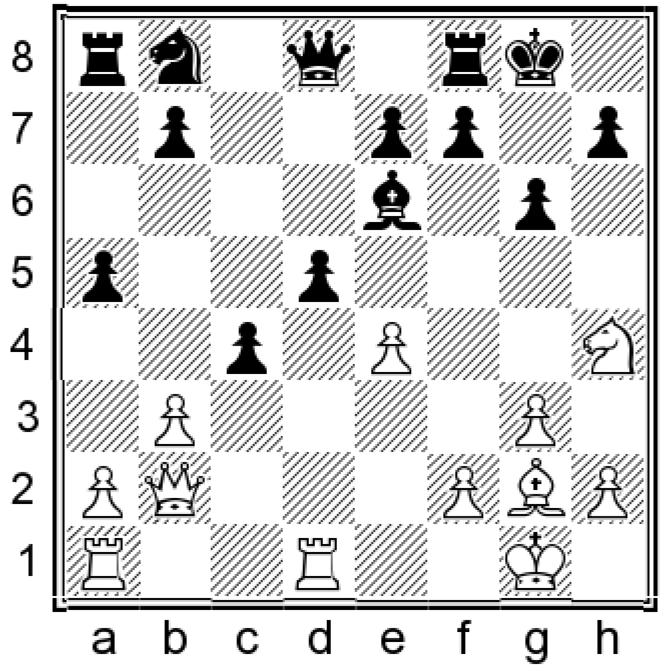
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.♘f3 ♘f6 4.g3 g6 5.♗g2 ♗g7 6.♘bd2 O-O 7.O-O a5 8.b3 ♗f5 9.♗b2 ♘e4 10.♘h4 ♘xd2 11.♕xd2 ♗e6 12.e4

12.f4 a4 13.f5 ♗c8∞12.♖ac1 a4⇄

12...dxc4

12...a4 - 3/645

13.d5 ♗xb2 14.♕xb2 cxd5 15.♖fd1?N



15.exd5 ♗xd5 16.♖ad1 c3 17.♕xc3 e6 18.♗xd5 exd5 19.♕c5=

15...d4! 16.bxc4

16.♖xd4 ♕b6∓

16...♘c6 17.♕xb7 ♕c8?!

17...♗d7∓ Δ e517...♖c8∓

18.♕b5 ♖b8 19.♕c5 ♖b7

19...♖d8∓

20.♘f3 ♖d8 21.♘d2 d3?

21...♗g4!? 22.f3 (22.♖db1 ♖c7∓) 22...♗e6∓21...♕c7!? 22.f4 (22.e5 ♘xe5-+) 22...♘b4∓

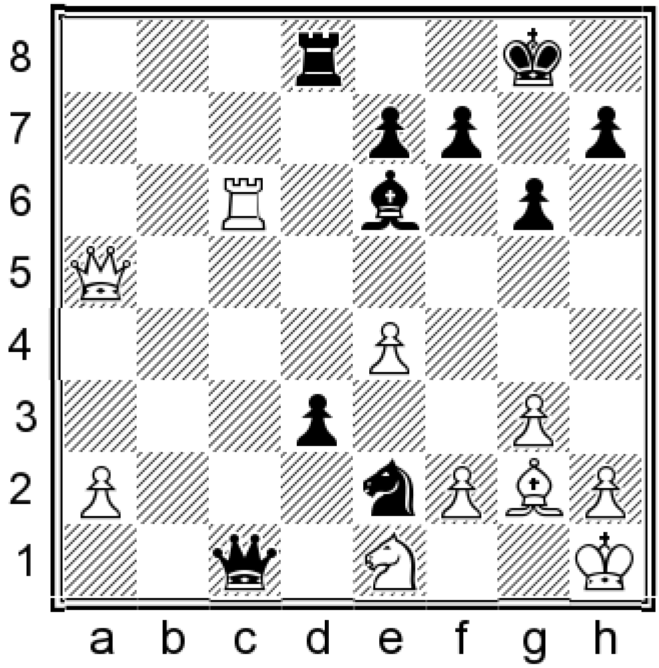
22.♖ab1?

22.e5 ♖c7 23.♗xc6 ♗f5 24.♕xa5 ♖xc6 25.a4∞

22...♖c7 23.♖b6?

23.♗f1 ♗g4 24.f3 (24.♖dc1 ♗e2) 24...♗e6∓ (RR24...♘d4 25.♕xa5 ♘xf3+ 26.♘xf3 ♗xf3 27.♖xd3 ♗xe4 28.♖xd8+ ♕xd8∓)

23...♘d4-+ 24.♕xa5 ♗xc4 25.♘f3 ♘e2+ 26.♔h1 ♗e6 27.♘e1 ♖c1 28.♖xc1 ♕xc1 29.♖c6



29...d2

29...♕d1 30.♕xd8+ ♔g7 31.♗f1 d2-+

30.♕xd8+ ♔g7 31.♖xc1 dxc1=Q 32.♕a5 ♘c3 33.♗f3 ♕xe1+ 34.♔g2 h5 35.♕b4 ♗xa2 36.♕xe7 ♗c4 37.♕e5+ ♔h7 38.♔h3 ♕xf2 39.♕xc3 ♗f1+ 0-1

153. D78
Maghsoodloo, Parham (2566) - Mchedlishvili, Mikheil (2609)
Baku (ol) 130/153, 2016

1.♘f3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.♗g2 ♗g7 4.d4 ♘f6 5.O-O O-O 6.c4 c6 7.♕b3 ♕b6 8.♖d1N

8.♘c3 - 127/161

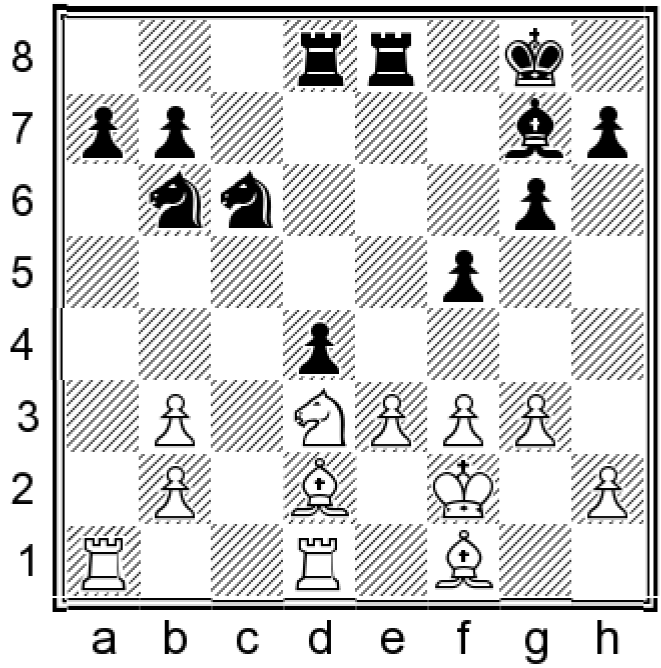
8...♗f5 9.cxd5 ♕xb3

9...cxd5 10.♕xb6 axb6 11.♘c3 ♘c6 12.e3 ♘b4 13.♘e1=

10.axb3 cxd5 11.♘e1 ♗e4

11...♘e4 12.♗e3 ♖d8 13.♘c3∞

12.f3 ♗xb1 13.♖xb1 ♘c6 14.e3 ♘a5 15.♖d3 ♘c6 16.♖d1 ♘a5 17.♖d3 ♘c6 18.♗d2 e5 19.dxe5 ♘xe5 20.♖d4 ♘c6 21.♖d3 ♘e5 22.♖d4 ♘c6 23.♖a4 ♖fe8 24.♖d1 ♘d7 25.♘d3 ♖ad8 26.♔f2 f5 27.♖aa1 d4 28.♗f1 ♘b6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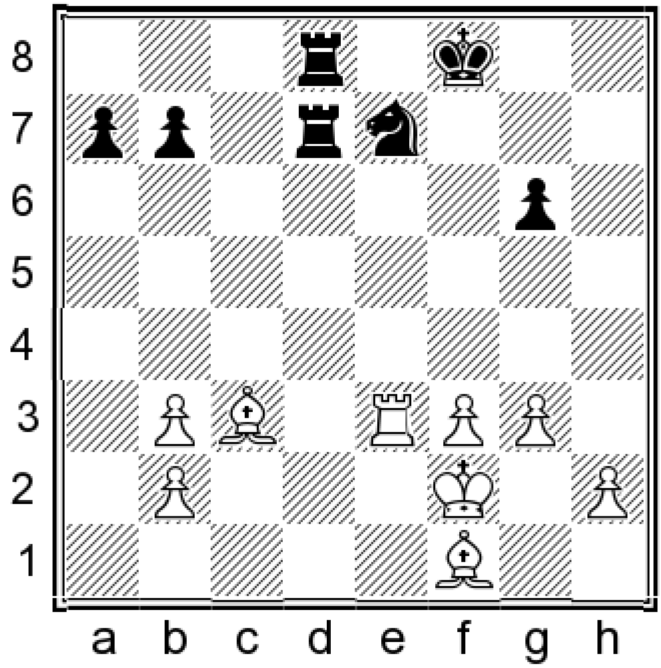
32...gxf5?! 33.♘xb7 ♖d7 (33...♖b8 34.♘d6±) 34.♗b5±

33.♘e6 ♖d7 34.♘xg7 ♔xg7 35.♗c3+ ♔f8 36.fxg6 hxg6 37.♖xd3 ♖ed8 38.♖e3 ♘e7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41.♗b4±

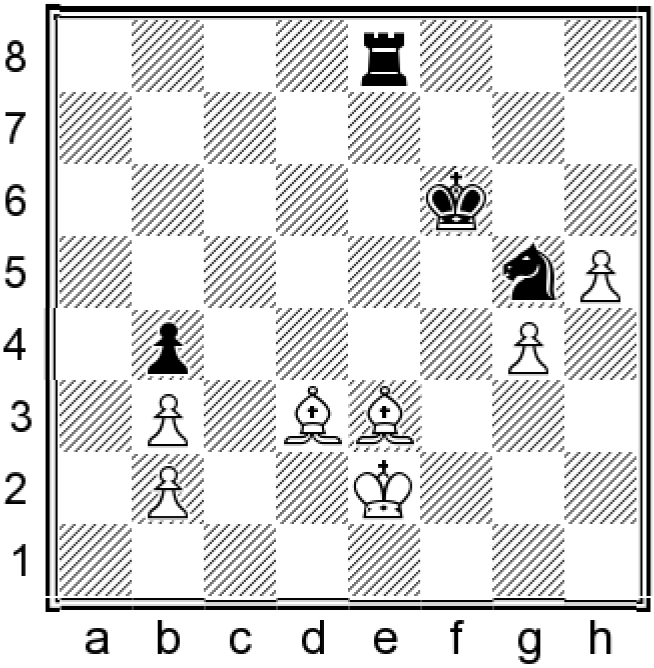
41...♖xd3 42.♗xd3± ♖d7 43.♔e2 ♘d5 44.♗d2 ♔f7 45.f4 a6 46.f5 ♘e7 47.♗c4+ ♘d5?!

47...♔f6? 48.♗c3+ ♔g5 49.f6+-47...♔e8 48.f6 ♘d5 49.g5±

48.fxg6+ ♔xg6 49.h4 ♔f6 50.h5 b5 51.♗d3 ♔e5 52.♗f5 ♖d8 53.♔f3+- b4 54.♗h6

54.♗g5 ♖h8 55.h6 a5 56.♔g3 ♘f6 57.♗f4+ ♔d5 58.g5+-

54...♔f6 55.♗d3 ♘f4 56.♗xa6 ♘e6 57.♗e3 ♘g5+ 58.♔f4 ♖d1 59.♗c4 ♘h3+ 60.♔f3 ♘g5+ 61.♔e2 ♖d8 62.♗d3 ♖e8



63.♗g6! ♖d8 64.♗f2 ♔g7 65.♗g3 ♖d5 66.♔e3 ♔f6 67.♗h4 ♖d1 68.♗e4 ♖g1 69.♗f3 ♖f1 70.♗g2 ♖d1 71.♗e4 ♖g1 72.♗f5 ♖f1 73.♔d3 ♖c1

73...♖h1 74.♗xg5+ ♔xg5 75.♔c4+-

74.♔d4 ♖h1 75.♗g3

75.♗xg5+ ♔xg5 76.♔c5+-

75...♘f3+ 76.♔c5 ♖h3 77.♗f4 ♘h4 78.♗c2 ♘g2 79.♗d2 ♖h2

79...♘e3 80.g5+ ♔xg5 81.♔d4+-

80.♗g6 ♘h4 81.♗f4 ♖xb2 82.g5+ ♔e7 83.♗e4 ♖xb3 84.♗d6+ ♔d7 85.h6 ♖c3+ 86.♔d5 ♖c6 87.♗e5 ♖c8 88.h7 1-0

154. D78
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2762) - Vachier Lagrave, Maxime (2811)
Novi Sad 130/154, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 d5 5.O-O O-O 6.c4 c6 7.♕b3 ♕b6 8.♘c3 ♖d8 9.♖d1 ♗f5 10.♘e1 dxc4 11.♕xc4 ♘a6 12.e4 ♗e6 13.♕a4

13.d5 - 124/153

13...♕b4 14.♘c2N

14.♕xb4

14...♕xa4 15.♘xa4 ♘d7 16.♗g5 ♖e8 17.b3 ♘b6 18.♘xb6

18.♘c3 f5 19.f3 (19.exf5 ♗xf5 20.♘e3 ♗e6 21.♖ac1 ♖ad8∞) 19...♖ad8 20.♖ac1 ♘c7∞

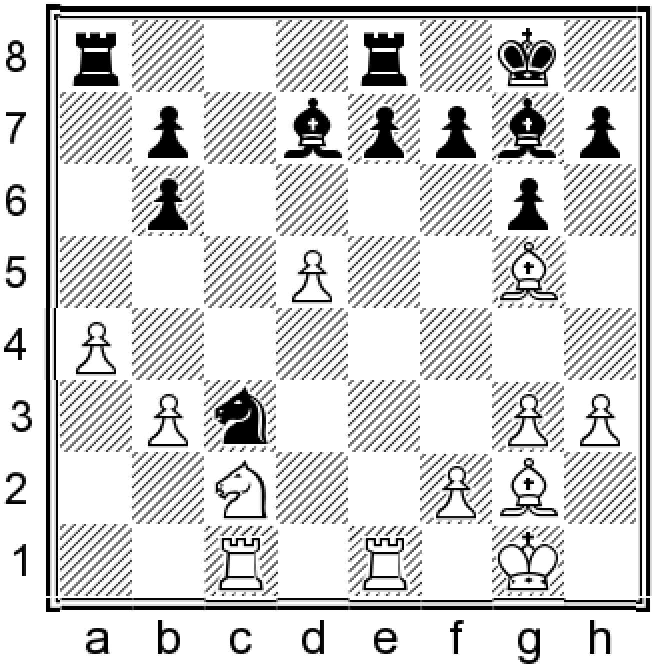
18...axb6 19.♖ac1± ♘c7

19...♗g4 20.♖d2 b5 21.♗e3 ♖ed8 22.f3 ♗e6 23.♖cd1±

20.d5 cxd5

20...♗g4 21.f3 ♗d7 22.dxc6 ♗xc6 23.♘b4 ♗b2 24.♖c2 ♗a3 25.♘xc6 bxc6 26.♗e3 c5 27.♗f1±

21.exd5 ♗g4 22.♖e1 ♘b5 23.h3 ♗d7 24.a4± ♘c3



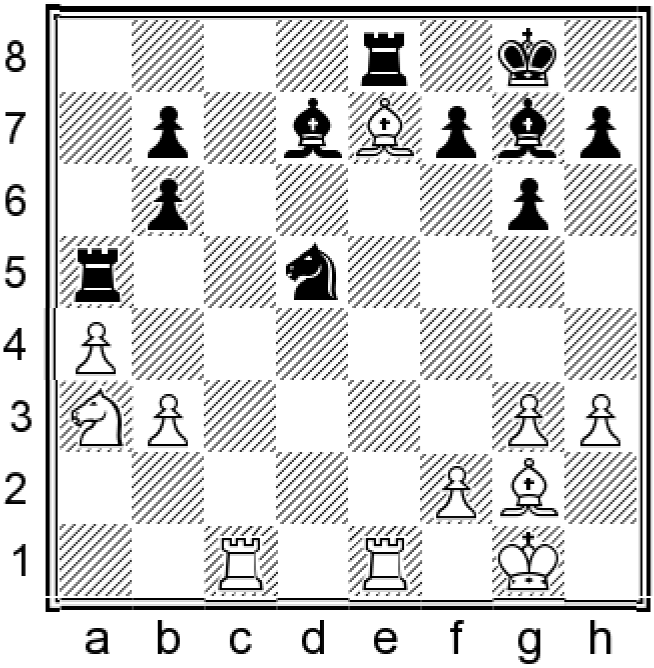
25.♘a3!

25.♗xe7?! ♖ac8 (Δ ♘a2) 26.♖a1□ ♘e4 (26...♘xd5 27.♖ad1 ♖xc2 28.♖xd5 ♗e6 29.♗g5 ♗f8=) 27.♖xe4 ♗xa1 28.♘xa1 ♖c1+ 29.♔h2 ♖xa1 30.g4∞25.♘b4! b5 (25...♖ac8 26.♔h2±) 26.a5 ♖xa5 27.♗d2 ♖c8 28.♖e3±

25...♖a5

25...e6 26.d6 h6 27.♗e3 ♘d5 28.♖c7!±

26.♗xe7 ♘xd5



27.♗d6! ♖xe1+

27...♘f6 28.♖xe8+ ♘xe8 29.♗b4 ♖a8 30.♘c4 ♖c8 31.♖b1±

28.♖xe1 ♘f6 29.♘c4 ♖a6 30.♗xb7 ♖a7 31.♗g2 b5 32.♗c5+- ♖a6 33.♗b7 bxc4 34.♗xa6 cxb3 35.a5 ♗f5 36.♗d4 1-0

155. D78
Pantsulaia, Levan (2601) - Deac, Bogdan Daniel (2524)
Baku (ol) 130/155, 2016

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.g3 g6 3.b3 d6 4.d4 c5 5.♗g2 cxd4 6.♘xd4 ♗g7 7.♗b2 d5 8.O-O O-O 9.c4 dxc4 10.bxc4 ♕b6 11.♕b3 ♘fd7

11...♘a6 - 121/(153)

12.e3 ♘c6 13.♘c3 ♘xd4

13...♘a5 14.♕c2 ♘xc4 15.♘d5 ♕xb2 16.♘xe7+ ♔h8 17.♕xc4 ♘e5 (17...♕a3 18.♘xc8 ♖axc8 19.♕b3±) (17...♕b6 18.♖fc1±) 18.♕b3 (18.♕c7!? ♗g4 19.♖ab1 ♕xa2 20.♕xb7 a5 21.♘d5±) 18...♕xb3 19.axb3 ♗g4 20.♗xb7 ♖ad8 (20...♖ae8 21.♘ec6 ♘f3+ 22.♔g2 ♘xd4 23.♘xd4 ♖e7 24.♗c6±) 21.♖a5! ♖d7 22.♘ec6 ♘f3+ 23.♘xf3 ♗xf3 24.♘e5±

14.exd4 ♕xb3

14...♗xd4? 15.♘d5 ♕c5 16.♗a3+-

15.axb3 ♗xd4 16.♖fb1!?

16.♖fd1 ♗f6 (16...♗g7!? 17.♖a2 ♘e5 (17...a5?! 18.♘d5 ♗xb2 19.♘xe7+ ♔g7 20.♘xc8 ♖axc8 21.♖xd7±) 18.♘d5 ♗g4! (18...♘c6) 19.♘xe7+ ♔h8 20.♖b1 ♘f3+ 21.♔h1 ♗xb2 22.♖axb2 ♖fe8 23.♘d5 ♖e1+ 24.♖xe1 ♘xe1 25.♘e3 ♗f3=) 17.♖db1!? (17.♖a2 ♔g7 18.♘d5 ♗xb2 19.♖xb2 ♘f6 20.♘xe7 ♗g4! (20...♖b8) 21.♖a1 ♖fe8 22.♘d5 ♘xd5 23.♗xd5 ♖e7=) 17...♘c5 (17...a5 18.♘d5 ♔g7 19.♘xf6 exf6 20.♗c3±) (17...♖d8 18.♘d5 ♗xb2 19.♖xb2 e6 20.♘c7 ♖b8 21.♖xa7±) 18.♘d5 ♗xb2 (18...♘xb3? 19.♗xf6+-) 19.♖xb2! (19.♘xe7+ ♔g7 20.♖xb2 ♗e6) 19...♗e6 (19...e6 20.♘b6 ♖b8 21.♖xa7±) (19...♔g7 20.b4 ♘d3 21.♖bb1 ♘e5 22.c5±) 20.♘c7 ♖ab8 21.♘xe6 ♘xe6 22.♖xa7±

16...e6N

16...e5 17.♘b5±16...♗c5 17.♖d1!? (17.♘d5 e6 18.b4 exd5 19.bxc5 dxc4 20.c6 bxc6 21.♗a3 ♖d8 22.♗e7 ♖e8 23.♗xc6 ♖xe7 24.♗xa8 ♘b6 25.♗f3 ♖c7∞) 17...a5 18.♘d5 e6 19.♘c7 ♖b8 20.♘b5 ♗b4 21.h4=∞⌓16...♘c5 17.♘d5 ♘xb3 18.♖a3 ♗xb2 19.♖xb2 ♘d4! (19...♘c5 20.♖a5 ♘e6 21.♘xe7+ ♔g7 22.♗d5↑) 20.♘xe7+ ♔g7 21.♘xc8 ♖axc8 22.♗d5 b5! 23.♖d3 (23.cxb5 ♖c5 24.♗c6 ♖b8=) 23...♘f5 24.♖xb5 ♘e7=16...♖d8

17.♘e4 ♗xb2 18.♖xb2± a6 19.♖d1

19.♖d2 ♘e5 20.f4 ♘c6 21.♘c5±19.b4!? ♘e5 20.c5 ♖b8 21.b5 f5 22.♘d6 ♘d3 23.♖bb1 axb5 24.♖xb5 ♗d7 25.♖xb7 ♖xb7 26.♘xb7 ♘b4 27.♘d6±

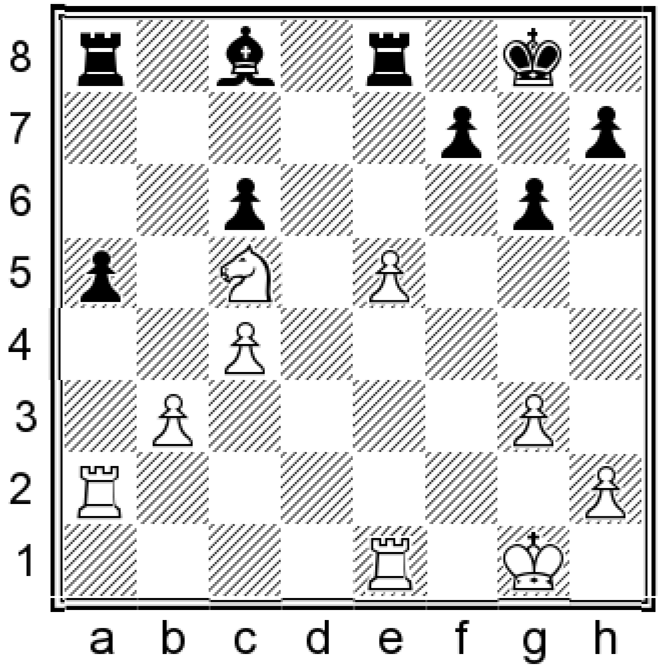
19...♘e5 20.f4

20.♖e2! ♔g7 (20...♘g4 21.c5!) 21.♘c5 ♘g4 22.♘a4±

20...♘c6 21.♘c5 e5! 22.♗xc6 bxc6 23.fxe5 ♖e8 24.♖e1 a5

⌓24...♖d8 25.♖a2 ♔g7

25.♖a2



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25...♗f5

25...♔g7! 26.b4 (26.♔f2 ♗g4) 26...a4! 27.♖xa4 ♖xa4 28.♘xa4 ♗e6 29.c5 ♖d8⇄ Δ ♖d4

26.♔f2

26.g4!? ♗e6 27.♔f2 ♔g7 28.♔g3 g5 29.♖ea1±

26...h5 27.h4 ♔g7 28.♔f3 ♖ad8?!

28...♖ed8 29.♔e3 ♖e8 30.♔f4 ♖ed8∞28...♔h6!? 29.♔f4 f6 30.e6 ♗g4∞

29.♖xa5± ♖d2 30.♖a7 ♗g4+ 31.♔e4

31.♔e3! ♖g2 32.♘e4 ♖xe5 33.♔d4±

31...♖f2⊕

31...♖g2 32.♖e3 (32.♔f4!? ♖f2+ 33.♔e3! ♖f3+ 34.♔d4± ∆ 34...♖xg3?! 35.e6±) 32...♖d2 33.♖c7 ♗f5+ 34.♔f3 ♗g4+ 35.♔f4 ♖f2+ 36.♔e4 ♖d2 37.♖e1! ♖g2 38.♖xc6 ♖xg3 39.♖c7 ♔g8 40.b4±⌓31...♔f8 32.♖c7 f6 33.♔e3 ♖d6±

32.♖e3

32.♖c7 ♖g2 (32...♖f3 33.e6+-) 33.♖xc6 ♖xg3 34.♖c7±

32...♔h6?

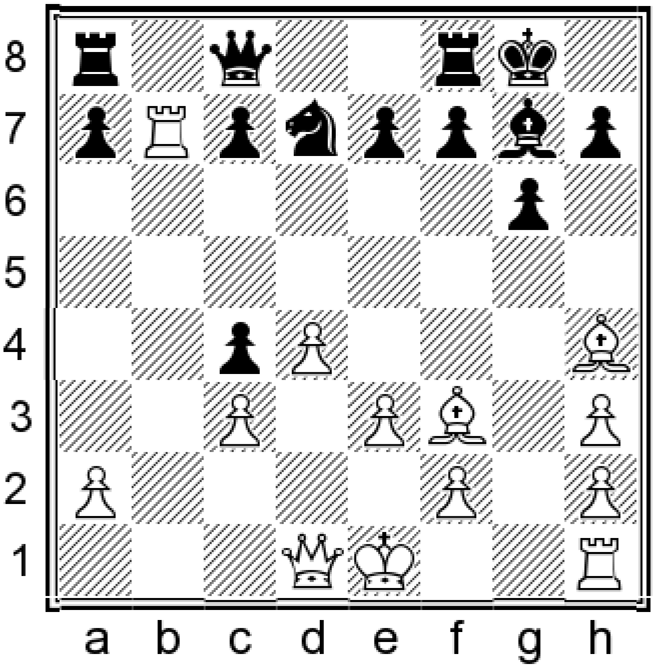
⌓32...♖d2 33.♖c7± - 31...Rg2

33.♔d4 ♖d8+ 34.♔c3 ♖f1 35.♘e4+- ♗f5 36.♖xf7 ♖c1+ 37.♔b2 1-0

156.* D80
Georgiev, Kiril (2608) - Atalik, Suat (2544)
Srbija 130/156, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♗g5 ♘e4 5.♗h4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 dxc4 7.e3 ♗e6 8.♘f3

8.♗e2 ♗g7 9.♘h3!? ♗xh3! 10.gxh3 O-O (10...♘d7 - 129/158) 11.♖b1! (11.♗xc4) 11...b6N (11...♘d7!? 12.♖xb7 ♕c8 (12...♘b6 13.♗f3±) 13.♖b1 (13.♗f3?



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8...c6 9.a4N

9.♘g5 - 97/(332)

9...♕a5

9...b5 10.♗e2 ♗g7 11.O-O a6 12.♘g5 ♗d7 13.♘e4±

10.♕c2 ♘d7 11.♗e2 ♗g7 12.O-O ♗f6

12...♘b6 13.♘d2 ♖c8 14.♖fb1↑

13.♗g3 h5 14.h3 g5?!

14...♘b6 15.♘d2 O-O 16.♘e4±

15.♘d2 g4

15...h4 16.♗h2 g4 17.hxg4 h3 18.♗g3±

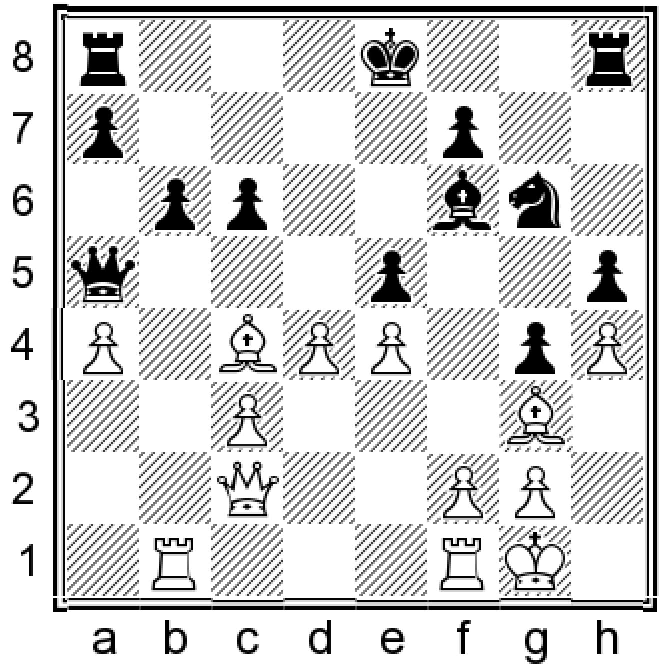
16.h4 ♘f8?!

16...♘b6 17.♘e4 ♗f5 18.♘xf6+ exf6 19.e4 ♗g6 20.f3±

17.♘xc4± ♗xc4

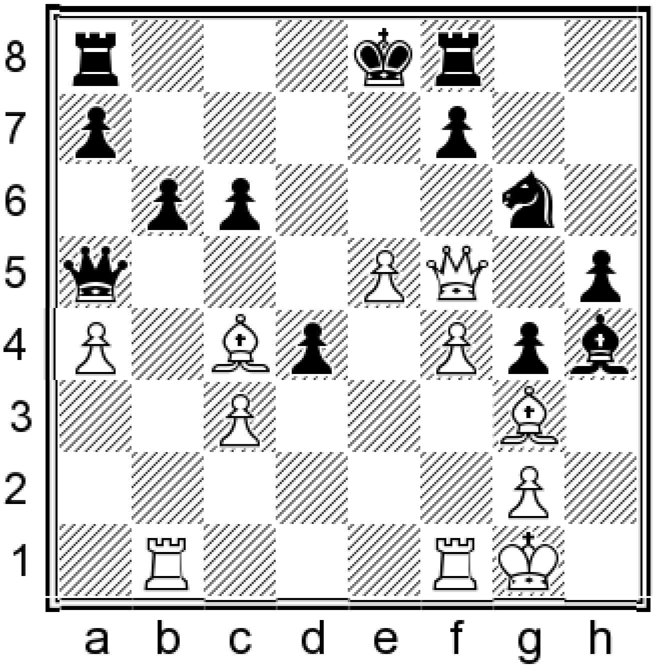
17...♕d8 18.♖ab1 b6 19.♘e5±

18.♗xc4 ♘g6 19.♖ab1 b6 20.e4 e5



20...♗xh4 21.e5 ♔f8 22.♕f5+-

21.f4! exd4 22.e5!+- ♗xh4 23.♕f5 ♖f8



24.♗xf7+! ♖xf7 25.♕xg6 ♗xg3 26.e6

26.♕xc6+ ♖d7 27.♕xa8+ ♔e7 28.cxd4+-

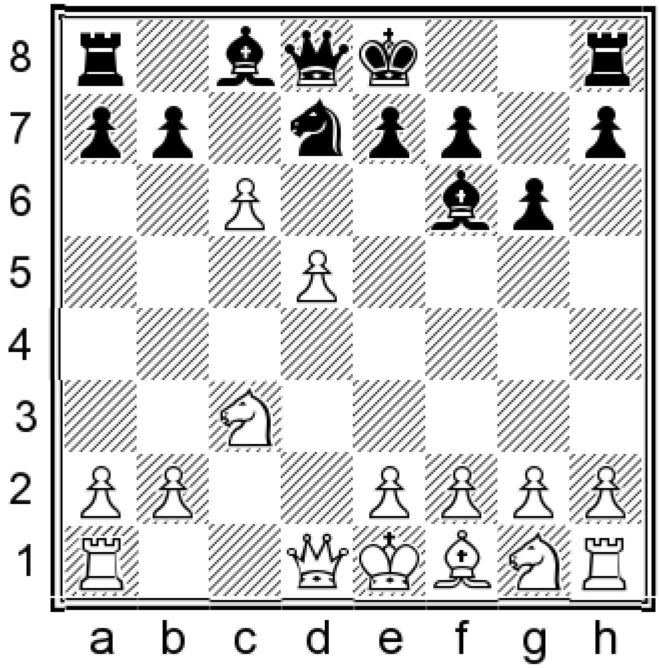
26...O-O-O 27.♕xf7 ♕d5 28.c4 ♕xc4 29.♕xa7 1-0

157. D80
Romanov, Evgeny (2619) - Eliseev, Urii (2606)
Saint Petersburg 130/157, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♗g5 ♗g7 5.♗xf6 ♗xf6 6.cxd5 c5 7.dxc5

7.♘f3 - 124/154

7...♘d7 8.c6!?



8...♘c5 9.♖c1 bxc6 10.b4N

10.dxc6

10...♖b8

10...♗xc3+ 11.♖xc3 ♘e4 12.♕d4 ♘f6 13.e4 ♕b6 (13...cxd5 14.♗b5+ ♗d7 15.♗xd7+ ♕xd7 16.e5 ♕e6 17.♘e2 ♘d7 18.f4 O-O 19.O-O±) 14.♘e2 (14.♕xb6 axb6 15.dxc6 ♘xe4 16.♖c2 ♗f5∞) 14...cxd5 15.e5 (15.exd5 O-O 16.d6 ♖d8 17.♕xb6 axb6 18.dxe7 ♖e8∓) 15...♘h5 (15...♘e4 16.♖a3!±) 16.g3 (16.e6?! ♘f6 17.exf7+ ♔xf7∓) (16.♕xd5 O-O! 17.♕d4 (17.♕xa8? ♗b7 18.♕xf8+ ♔xf8 19.a3 a5∓) 17...♗b7=∞) 16...O-O 17.♗g2 e6 18.a3 ♘g7 19.♕xb6 axb6 20.♘d4 ♗d7∞

11.a3

11.bxc5 ♗xc3+ 12.♖xc3 ♕a5 13.♕d3 ♖b1+ (13...♗f5 14.e4 ♗xe4 15.♕d4 O-O 16.f3 ♗xd5 17.♔f2 ♖b2+ 18.♘e2 ♖xa2 19.♖e3±) 14.♕xb1 ♕xc3+ 15.♔d1 ♕d4+ 16.♔e1 (16.♔c1 ♕c3+ 17.♕c2 ♕a1+ 18.♕b1 ♕c3+=) 16...♕c3+=

11...O-O 12.e3

12.bxc5? ♗xc3+ 13.♖xc3 ♕a5 14.♕d3 ♖b3 15.♔d2 ♗a6 16.♕e3 ♖fb8-+

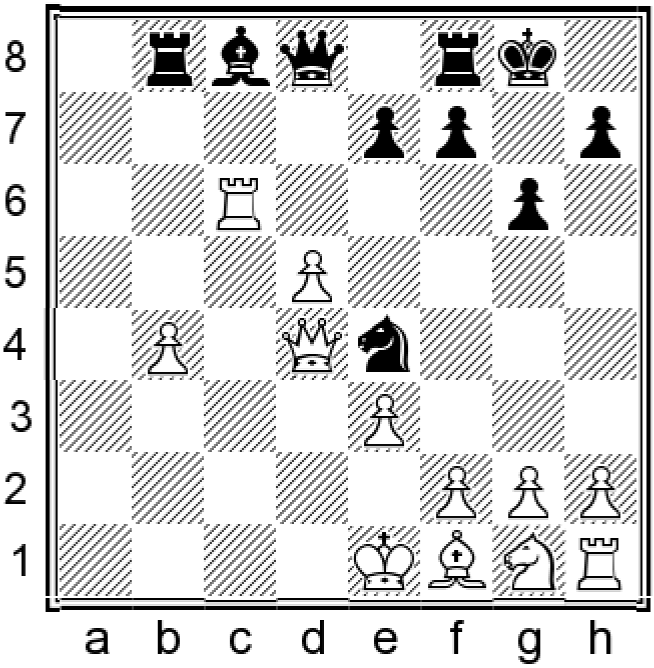
12...♗xc3+ 13.♖xc3 ♘e4 14.♖xc6 a5

14...♗b7 15.♖c2 ♗xd5 16.f3 ♗b3 17.♕xd8 ♖fxd8 18.♖c1 ♘f6 19.♘e2 ♖bc8 20.♔f2±

15.♕d4

15.b5 ♗b7 (15...a4 16.♖c4 ♖xb5 17.♖xe4 ♕a5+ 18.♖b4 ♖xb4 19.axb4 ♕xb4+ 20.♕d2 ♕b1+ 21.♕d1 ♕b4+=) 16.♕d3 (16.♖c2 ♗xd5 17.f3 ♗b3 18.♕xd8 ♖fxd8 19.♖c1 ♘d6∓) 16...♗xc6 17.dxc6 ♕xd3 18.♗xd3 ♘c3∓

15...axb4 16.axb4



16.♕xe4? bxa3 17.♗c4 ♕a5+-+

16...♗b7?

16...♘f6! 17.♖c5 (17.d6 e5 (17...♗b7 18.♖c7 exd6=∞) 18.♕xe5 ♖xb4 19.♖c1 ♘e4 20.♘f3 ♖e8 21.♕a1 ♕b6=∞) 17...♗b7 18.e4 (18.♗b5 ♗xd5 19.f3 ♖b7 20.♘e2 ♕b8 21.♘c3 ♖d8 22.♕h4 ♕e5=∞) (18.♗c4 e5 19.♕b2 (19.♕xe5 ♘d7 20.♕d4 ♘xc5 21.bxc5 ♕a5+ 22.♔e2 ♗a6∓) (19.dxe6? ♕xd4 20.exd4 ♗xg2 21.exf7+ ♔g7-+) 19...♘xd5 20.♗xd5 ♗xd5 21.♘f3 ♗xf3 22.gxf3 ♕d3 23.♕c2 ♕xc2 24.♖xc2 ♖xb4=) 18...e5! 19.♕c4 ♘d7 20.♖c7 ♘f6 21.♗e2 (21.♖c5=) 21...♗a6 22.♕c2 ♗xe2 23.♘xe2 ♘xe4 24.O-O ♖xb4=

17.♕xe4 ♗xc6 18.dxc6 ♖a8 19.♗d3 ♖a1+ 20.♗b1

20.♔e2!? ♕d6 21.g3 ♖b8 22.♘h3+-

20...♕b6 21.♘e2 ♖a4 22.♕d4! ♕xc6 23.♘c3

23.O-O ♕b7 24.♗e4 ♕xb4 25.♕d7 ♖a6 26.♗f3±

23...e5

23...♕xg2 24.♖f1 ♖a1 25.♔e2±

24.♕d2 ♕xg2 25.♕d5 e4 26.♕xe4 ♕xe4 27.♗xe4± ♖xb4 28.♔e2 ♔g7 29.♔f3 ♖e8 30.♗d5 ♖e5 31.h4 ♖b2 32.e4 ♖c2 33.♘e2 f5 34.♘d4 fxe4+ 35.♗xe4

35.♔f4 ♖xd5 36.♘xc2 ♖d2 37.♘e3 ♖xf2+ 38.♔xe4±

35...♖c4 36.♔e3 ♖a5 37.♖d1 ♖aa4 38.f3 ♖a6 39.♘b5 ♖f6 40.♖d7+ ♔h6 41.♘d6 ♖c3+ 42.♔f2+- ♖c5 43.♔g3 ♖h5 44.f4

44.f4 ♖c5 45.♗f3+-1-0

158. D80
Smirnov, Anton (2482) - Barbosa, Evandro Amorim (2509)
Baku (ol) 130/158, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♗g5 ♗g7 5.♗xf6 ♗xf6 6.cxd5 c5 7.dxc5

7.♘f3 - 124/154

7...♘d7 8.e3 O-O 9.♗c4 ♘xc5 10.♘ge2 ♕b6 11.♕d2 ♗f5N

11...♕b4

12.O-O ♖ac8 13.♖ac1 ♖fd8 14.b3 a6 15.♘d4 ♘e4 16.♘xe4 ♗xe4 17.♖fd1 ♔g7 18.♘e2 ♕d6?!

18...e6 19.♘g3 (19.d6 ♗e5∓) 19...exd5 20.♗e2 ♕e6=

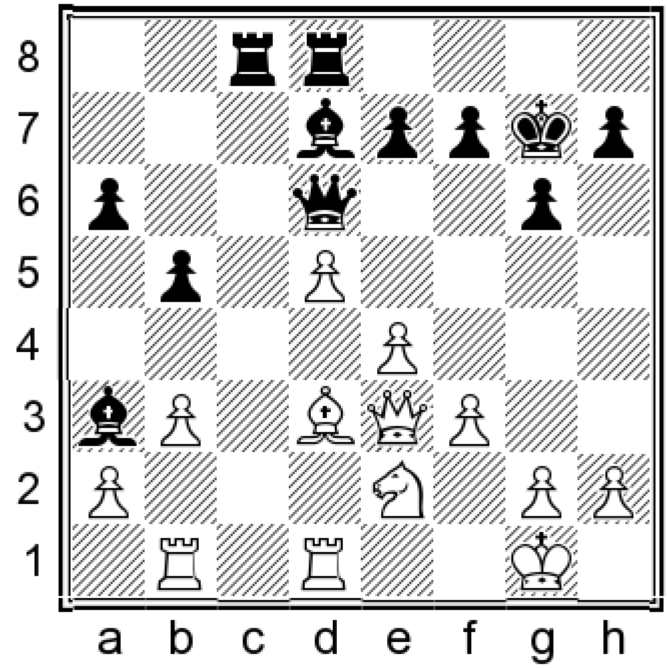
19.f3 ♗f5 20.e4

20.a4 g5 21.e4 ♗g6 22.♕e3±

20...♗d7 21.♕e3 b5 22.♗d3± ♗b2?!

22...e6 23.f4 e5 24.♖xc8 ♖xc8 25.f5 ♗d8 (25...gxf5 26.exf5 ♕xd5 (26...♕c5 27.♕xc5 ♖xc5 28.♗b1±) 27.♘g3±) 26.♔h1 ♗b6 27.♕h3±

23.♖b1 ♗a3



24.b4! a5 25.e5 ♕c7

25...♕b8 26.e6 fxe6 27.♗xg6 hxg6 28.♕xa3 ♕e5 29.dxe6 ♗xe6 30.♖xd8 ♖xd8 31.♕c3±

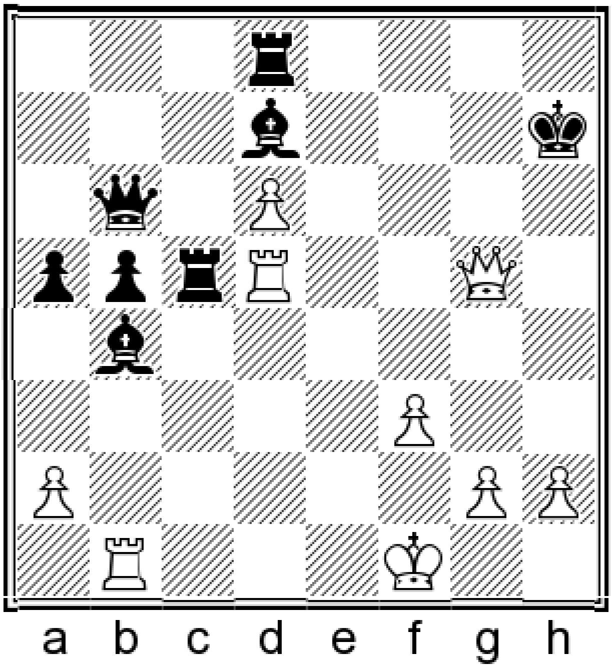
26.d6 exd6 27.exd6 ♕b8

27...♕xd6 28.♗e4+-

28.♘f4+- ♗xb4 29.♘h5+?

29.♖xb4! axb4 30.♕e5+ ♔g8 31.♘d5+-

29...gxh5 30.♕g5+ ♔h8 31.♕f6+ ♔g8 32.♗xh7+ ♔xh7 33.♖d5 ♕b6+ 34.♔f1 ♖c5 35.♕xf7+ ♔h8 36.♕xh5+ ♔g7 37.♕g5+ ♔h7??



37...♔f8 38.♖xb4 ♖xd5 39.♕f6+ (39.♖f4+ ♗f5 40.♖xf5+ ♖xf5 41.♕xf5+ ♔g7 42.♕g5+=) 39...♔g8 40.♕g6+ ♔f8=37...♔f7 38.♖xb4 (38.♕f4+ ♔g7=) 38...axb4 39.♖xc5 ♕xd6 40.♕xd8 ♕d3+ 41.♔f2 (41.♔e1 ♕e3+ 42.♔d1 ♕d3+=) 41...b3! 42.axb3 ♕d2+ 43.♔g3 ♕e1+ 44.♔f4 ♕b4+=

38.♖xb4! axb4 39.♖xc5 ♗e8

39...♕xd6 40.♕h5+ ♔g7 41.♖g5+ ♔f8 42.♕h8+ ♔e7 43.♕g7+ ♔e8 44.♕g8+ ♔e7 45.♖g7+ ♔f6 46.♖g6+ ♔e5 47.♕g7++-

40.♕h4+ ♔g7 41.♕d4+ 1-0

159.** !N D80**
Kuzubov, Yuriy (2635) - Inarkiev, Ernesto (2730)
Turkiye 130/159, 2016

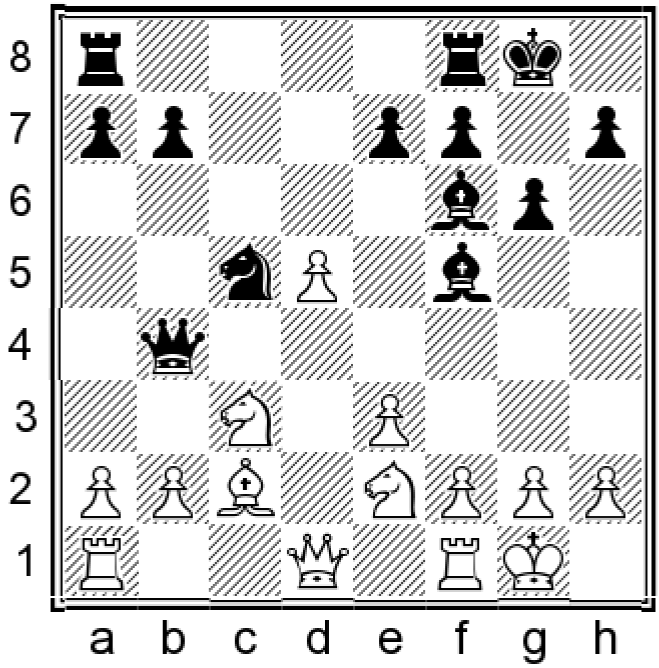
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♗g5 ♗g7 5.♗xf6 ♗xf6 6.cxd5 c5

6...c6 7.♖c1 O-O 8.dxc6 ♗xd4 9.c7 ♗xc3+ 10.♖xc3 ♕xd1+ 11.♔xd1 ♘c6 12.e3 (12.e4 - 95/ (334)) 12...♗d7 13.♘f3 ♖fc8 14.♗b5 ♖xc7 15.♔e2 ♔f8N (15...♖cc8) 16.♖hc1 ♖cc8 17.a3 f6 18.h3 e5 19.♗d3 ♔e7= Beliavsky,A (2602)-Le,Q (2723) Baku (ol) 130/(159) 2016

7.dxc5

7.♘f3 cxd4 8.♘xd4 ♕b6 9.♘b3 O-O 10.♕d2 (10.e3 ♖d8 11.♗e2 e6 (11...♘c6 - 118/144) 12.♗f3N (12.♕d2) (12.O-O) 12...♗xc3+ 13.bxc3 exd5 14.O-O (14.♗xd5 ♗e6 15.c4 ♗xd5 16.cxd5 ♕b5 17.♕e2 ♕xd5 18.O-O ♘c6=) 14...♘c6 15.♘d4 ♘e5 16.♗e2 ♕c7 17.♖c1 ♗d7= Munkhgal,G (2446)-Nyback,T (2580) Baku (ol) 130/(159) 2016) 10...♖d8 11.♖d1 a5 12.e4 ♗g4N (12...a4) 13.♗e2 ♗xe2 14.♘xe2 e6 15.♘c3 a4 16.♘c1 a3 17.bxa3?! (17.b3 ♗xc3 18.♕xc3 exd5 19.♖xd5 ♘a6=∞) 17...♖xa3 18.♘3e2 ♖a4 19.O-O ♖xe4 20.♕c2 exd5 21.♖xd5 ♖de8∓ Werle,J (2567)-Bok,B (2599) Nederland (ch) 130/(159) 2016

7...♘d7 8.e3 O-O 9.♗c4 ♘xc5 10.♘ge2 ♕a5 11.O-O ♕b4 12.♗b3 ♗f5 13.♗c2



13.♘d4N ♗d3 14.♖e1 ♖fd8 15.♕d2 a5 16.a3 ♕b6 17.♗a2 ♖ac8 18.♖ac1 ♗a6 19.♖b1 ♗d3 20.♖bc1 (20.♘a4 ♕a7 21.♖bc1 ♘xa4 22.♕xd3 ♘xb2 23.♕d2 ♘a4∞) 20...♗a6= 21.♖b1 ♗d3 22.♖bc1 1/2 (22) Svidler,P (2745) - Nepomniachtchi,I (2740) Moscow 130/(159) 2016

13...♕xb2!N

13...♗g4

14.♗xf5 ♗xc3 15.♖b1 ♕d2 16.♘xc3 ♕xc3= 17.♖c1 ♕b4 18.♖b1 ♕c3 19.♖c1 ♕b4 20.♖b1 ♕c3 21.♖c1 1/2-1/2

160. D85**
Le, Quang Liem (2723) - Durarbayli, Vasif (2612)
Baku (ol) 130/160, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♗d2 ♗g7 6.e4 ♘xc3 7.♗xc3 O-O 8.♕d2 c5

8...♘d7 9.♘f3 b6 (9...e6 - 58/504) 10.♗d3 e6 (10...c5) (10...♗b7) 11.O-O c5 12.♗b5N (12.♖fd1 - 130/(160) 12...♗b7 13.♕e3 ♕e7 14.♖ac1 ♖ac8 15.♗b5?! (15.dxc5 ♗xc3 16.♖xc3 ♘xc5=) 15...♘f6 16.♗d3 (16.dxc5) 16...♘g4 17.♕e1 ♗xd4 18.♗xd4 cxd4 19.h3 ♖xc1 20.♖xc1 ♘f6 21.e5 ♘h5 22.♗e4 ♘f4∓ Lenic,L (2640)-Sutovsky,E (2620) Oesterreich 130/(160) 2016) 12...♗b7 13.♗xd7 (13.♕e3 cxd4 14.♗xd4 ♘f6=) 13...♕xd7 14.dxc5 ♕xd2 15.♘xd2 ♗xc3 16.bxc3 ♖fd8 17.♖fd1 bxc5 18.f3 ♖d3 19.♘b3 ♖xc3 20.♖ac1 ♖xc1 21.♖xc1 ♖c8 22.♖xc5= Harika,D (2528)-Muzychuk,A (2561) Cap d'Agde (rapid) 130/(160) 2016

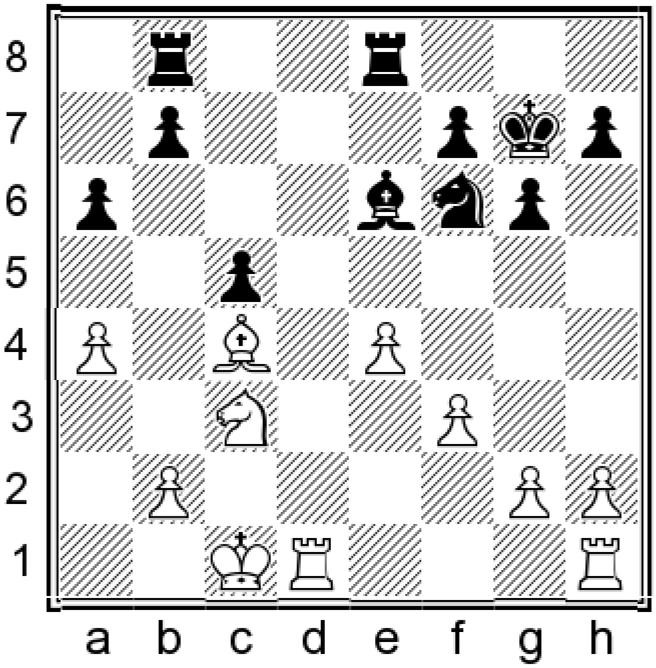
9.d5 e6 10.♗c4 exd5 11.♗xd5 ♘d7 12.♗xg7

12.O-O-O - 121/ (157)

12...♔xg7 13.♕c3+N

13.O-O-O13.♘e2

13...♕f6 14.♘e2 ♕xc3+ 15.♘xc3 ♘f6 16.O-O-O ♖e8 17.f3 ♖b8 18.♗c4 a6 19.a4 ♗e6



20.b3!

20.♗xe6 ♖xe6 21.♖he1 ♖be8 22.♔c2±

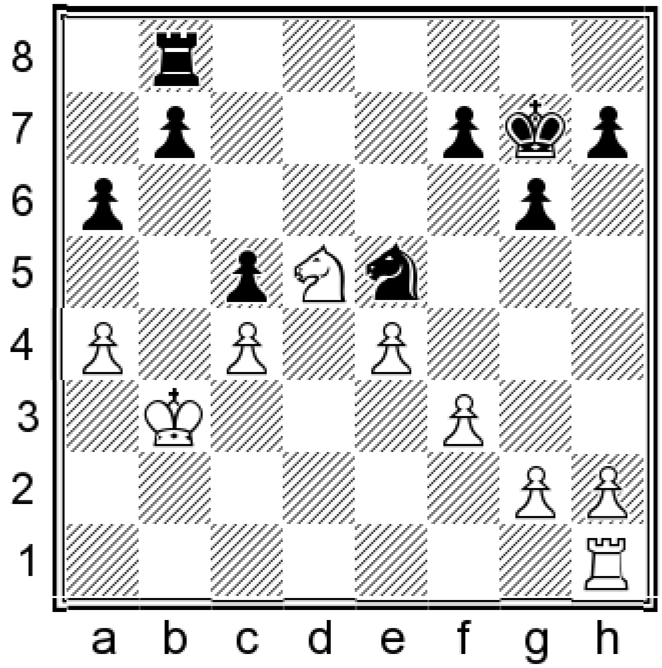
20...♗xc4 21.bxc4 ♖ed8 22.♔c2

22.♖xd8 ♖xd8 23.♔c2 ♖d4 (23...♘d7 24.♖d1 ♔f8 25.e5±) 24.♖b1 ♘d7 25.♖xb7 ♘e5 26.♖a7 ♘xc4 27.♘d5 a5 28.♔c3±

22...♘d7 23.♔b3 ♘e5 24.♖xd8 ♖xd8 25.♘d5± ♖b8

25...f5 26.exf5 (26.♖e1 fxe4 27.♖xe4 ♘c6 28.♔c3±) 26...b5 (26...gxf5 27.♖e1 ♘c6 28.♔c3 ♔f7 29.♖b1 ♖d7 30.h3±) 27.♘f4 bxc4+ 28.♔c2 ♖d6 29.♘e6+ (29.fxg6 ♘d3 (29...hxg6 30.♖b1±) 30.♘xd3 cxd3+ 31.♔c3 hxg6 32.a5±) 29...♔f6 30.♘xc5 gxf5 31.♔c3±

26.♘b6 ♖d8 27.♘d5 ♖b8



28.♖a1!

28.♔c3 b5 (28...♘c6 29.♖b1 f6 30.♖b6 ♔f7 31.f4±) 29.axb5 axb5 30.cxb5 ♖xb5 31.♖a1±

28...b5?!

28...g5 29.♔c3 ♖d8 30.♖b1±

29.cxb5 axb5 30.a5± ♘c6

30...b4 31.♘b6+-30...c4+ 31.♔c3+-

31.a6 ♘a7

31...♖a8 32.♘c7 ♘d4+ 33.♔c3 ♖a7 34.♘e8+ ♔f8 35.♘d6 ♖a8 36.a7+-

32.e5

32.f4±

32...♖d8 33.♘c3 ♖d3?!

33...♔f8 34.♔c2 ♔e7 35.♖b1 ♘c6 36.♘xb5 ♘b4+ 37.♔c3 ♘xa6 38.♘d6±

34.♔c2 ♖e3 35.f4 b4 36.♘d5 ♖e2+ 37.♔b3 ♖d2 38.♔c4

38.♘f6 ♖d4 39.g3 h5 40.♔a4+-

38...♖c2+ 39.♔b3 ♖d2 40.♘b6

40.♘f6! - 38.♘f6

40...♖d3+ 41.♔b2 ♖d2+ 42.♔b3 ♖d3+ 43.♔a4 h5?

43...♖d4 44.g3 b3+ 45.♔a3 ♖b4 46.♘d5 b2 (46...♖b5 47.♔b2+-) 47.♖b1 ♘b5+ 48.♔a2 ♖a4+ 49.♔xb2 ♖xa6 50.♖c1 ♖c6 51.♖a1±

44.♘c4 ♖c3 45.♘d6 ♖d3 46.g3 f6 47.exf6+ ♔xf6 48.♘e4+ ♔f5 49.♘xc5+- ♖d2 50.♔a5 ♘c8 51.♖c1 b3 52.♘xb3

♖a2+ 53.♔b5 ♘d6+ 54.♔b6 ♖xh2 55.a7 ♖a2 56.♘a5 1-0

161. D85
Le, Quang Liem (2723) - Robson, Ray (2670)
Saint Louis 130/161, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.♗d2 ♗g7 6.e4 ♘xc3 7.♗xc3 O-O 8.♕d2 c5 9.d5 e6 10.♗c4 exd5 11.♗xd5 ♘d7 12.♗xg7

12.O-O-O - 121/(157)

12...♔xg7 13.♕c3+N

13.O-O-O13.♘e2

13...♕f6 14.♘e2 ♖b8! 15.O-O-O b5 16.f3

16.♕xf6+ ♘xf6 17.f3 ♖e8=

16...♕xc3+ 17.♘xc3 ♘b6 18.♖d2 b4 19.♘d1 a5

19...♗a6 20.♘e3 ♖fc8 21.♖hd1∞

20.♘e3 ♗a6 21.♖c2 ♖fc8 22.♖d1

22.♘c4 ♘xd5 23.exd5 a4 24.♖d1 b3 25.axb3 axb3 26.♖c3 ♗xc4 27.♖xc4 ♖b4=

22...c4 23.♖d4 ♖d8 24.h4 h5 25.♔b1 ♖bc8 26.b3 cxb3

26...c3 27.a3 ♔f6 28.axb4 ♔e5 29.♖d1 axb4 30.♖a2∞

27.axb3 ♖xc2 28.♔xc2 f5 29.♖d1 f4

29...♖c8+ 30.♔b2 ♖c3 31.♘c2 ♗d3 32.♘e1 fxe4 33.fxe4 ♗b5∓

30.♘c4 ♖c8 31.♗e6

31.♖d4 ♔f6 32.♔b1 ♘xc4 33.♗xc4 ♗xc4 34.♖xc4 ♖xc4 35.bxc4 ♔e5 36.c5=

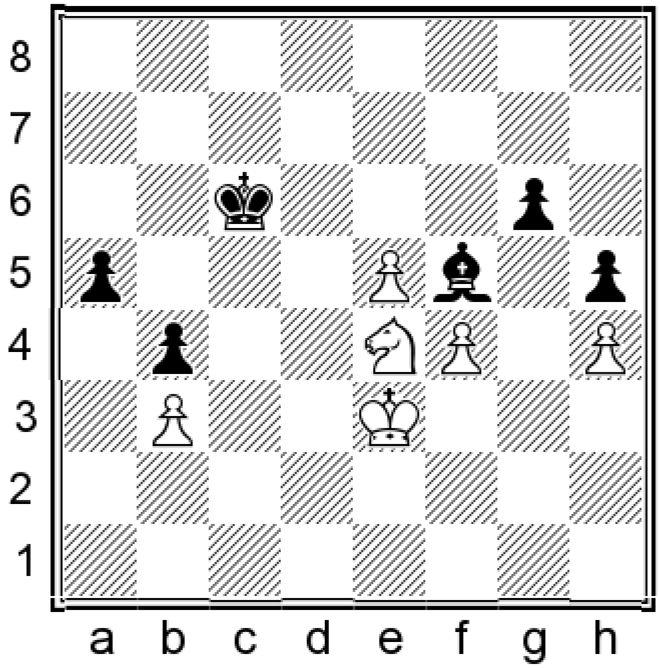
31...♖c6 32.♖d6 ♖xd6 33.♘xd6 ♔f6 34.♗h3 ♔e7 35.e5 ♘d7?!

35...♘d5! 36.♔d2 (36.♘c8+ ♗xc8 37.♗xc8 ♘e3+-+) 36...♘e3 37.g4 (37.♘e4 ♗f1-+) 37...♘f1+ 38.♔c2 ♘h2-+

36.♗xd7 ♔xd7 37.♘e4 ♗f1

37...♔c6 38.e6 ♗f1 39.e7 ♔d7 40.♘f6+ ♔xe7 41.♘d5+ ♔e6 42.♘xf4+ ♔f5 43.g3 ♗b5∓

38.g3 fxg3 39.♘xg3 ♗g2 40.f4 ♔e6 41.♔d3 ♔d5 42.♔e3 ♗h3 43.♘e4 ♗f5 44.♘f6+ ♔c5 45.♘e4+ ♔d5 46.♘f6+ ♔c6 47.♘e4?



47.♔d2 ♔c5 48.♘e8 ♗d7 49.♘g7 ♔d5 50.♔d3 ♗c6 51.e6 ♔d6 52.f5 gxf5 53.♘xf5+ ♔xe6 54.♘g7+=

47...♗e6?

47...a4 48.bxa4 b3 49.♘d2 b2 50.a5 b1=Q 51.♘xb1 ♗xb1 52.♔d4 ♗a2-+

48.♘d2 ♔c5 49.♘e4+ ♔d5 50.♘d2 ♔c5 51.♘e4+ ♔b5 52.♘d2 a4 53.bxa4+ ♔xa4 54.♔d4= b3 55.♔c5 b2 56.♔d6 ♗c4 57.e6 ♔b4 58.e7 ♗b5 59.♘b1 ♔b3 60.♔e6 ♗e8 61.♔f6 ♔c2 62.♘a3+ ♔b3 63.♘b1 ♔c2 64.♘a3+ ♔d3 65.♔e5 ♔e2 66.♔f6 ♔f2 67.♘b1 ♔f3 68.f5 gxf5 69.♔xf5 ♔e3 70.♔e5 ♔d3 71.♘a3 ♔c3 72.♔f6 ♔d4 73.♔f5 ♔d5 74.♘b1 ♔d4 75.♘a3 ♔d3 76.♔e5 1/2-1/2

162. D85
Moiseenko, Alexander (2650) - Li, Chao (2730)
Novi Sad 130/162, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♕a4+ ♕d7 8.♗b5 c6 9.♗e2 c5

9...O-O - 125/153

10.♗b5 ♘c6 11.♘f3 O-O 12.O-O ♕c7 13.♗xc6 bxc6 14.♗a3 cxd4 15.cxd4 ♗g4 16.♘e5 ♗xe5 17.dxe5 ♕xe5 18.f3N

18.♕xc6

18...♗e6

18...♗d7 19.♖ad1 ♖fd8 20.♕b4 ♗e6 21.♕xe7 ♖e8 22.♕h4±

19.♗xe7 ♖fe8

19...♗c4 20.♕xc4 ♕xe7 21.♕xc6 ♖ac8 22.♕a4±

20.♗a3

20.♕xc6 ♕d4+ 21.♔h1 ♖ac8 22.♕d6 ♕xd6 23.♗xd6 ♖ed8 24.♗f4±

20...♖ed8 21.♖ad1

21.♕c2 ♖ab8 22.♖fd1±

21...♗xa2

⌓21...♕g5 22.♗b2 (22.♔h1 ♕b5 23.♕c2 ♕c4=) 22...♕e3+ 23.♖f2 c5∞

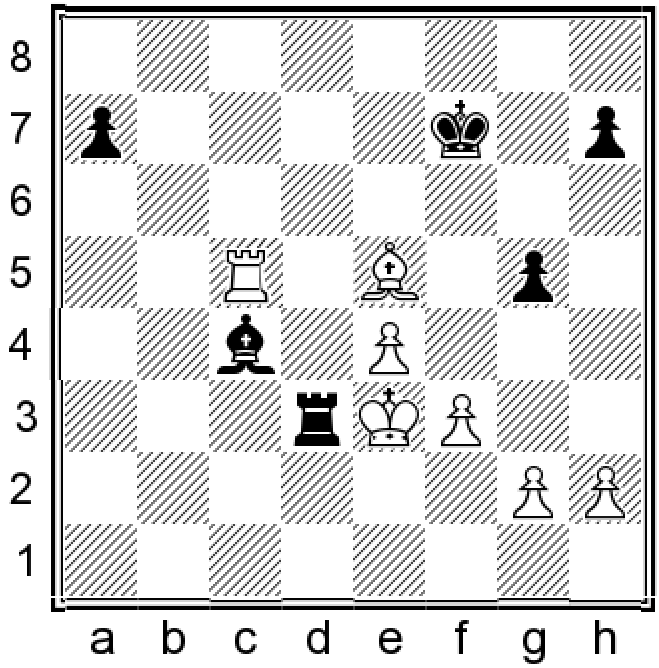
22.♕c2 ♕e6 23.♗b2 ♕b3 24.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 25.♕c1 ♕e6 26.♕c3 f6 27.♖a1± ♖d7 28.♕xf6 ♕xf6 29.♗xf6 ♖ 9/j **29...♗b3**

⌓29...♗c4 30.♔f2 ♔f7 31.♗c3±

30.♔f2 c5 31.♔e3 ♔f7 32.♗e5± g5

32...♔e6 33.♖a6+!±

33.♖a5 ♗c4 34.♖xc5 ♖d3+



35.♔e2! ♗a6

35...♖c3+ 36.♔d2 ♖d3+ 37.♔c2 ♗a6 38.♖a5+-

36.♔e1 ♖e3+ 37.♔f2 ♖e2+ 38.♔g3 ♖a2 39.♔g4! ♗f1 40.♔xg5

40.g3 ♗e2 41.♔f5 (41.♖c3 ♔e6 42.♗c7+-) 41...♗xf3 42.♖c7+ ♔e8 43.♖xh7+-

40...♗xg2 41.♔f4 a5 42.♗d4 a4 43.♖c7+ ♔e8 44.♖xh7 ♗h1 45.e5+- ♖e2 46.♗c5 ♖c2 47.♗d6 ♖c6 48.♖g7 ♖c4+ 49.♔f5 1-0

163. D85
Sturt, Raven M (2389) - Chirila, Ioan Cristian (2526)
Atlantic City 130/163, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 ♗g7 7.♗e3 c5 8.♖c1 ♕a5 9.♕d2 O-O 10.d5 e6 11.♘f3 exd5 12.exd5 ♗g4

12...♖e8 - 50/483

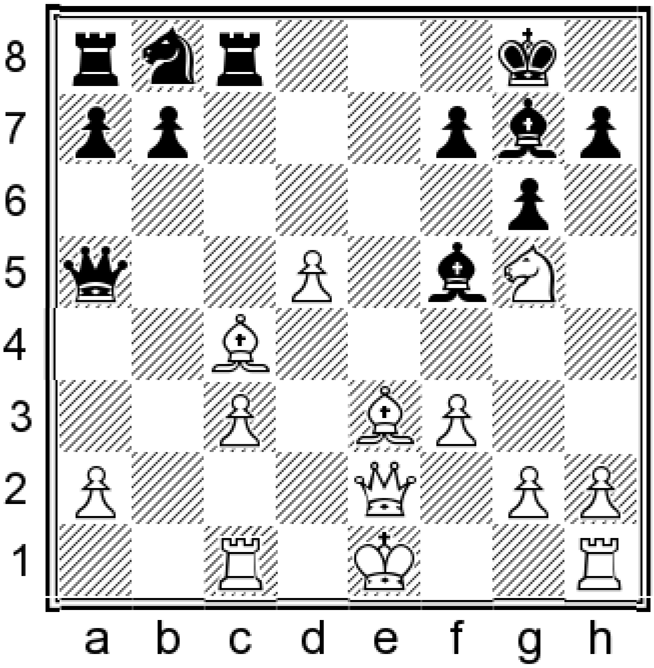
13.♘g5!? c4?N

13...♘d7?! 14.f3 ♗f5 15.g4 h6 16.gxf5 hxg5 17.fxg6 ♘e5 18.♗e2 fxg6 19.O-O±13...♗f5 14.♗e2 h6 (14...c4!?) 15.♘f3 ♖e8 16.O-O ♘d7∞13...♘a6

14.f3?

14.♗xc4! ♘d7 15.♗b3±

14...♗f5 15.♗xc4 ♖c8! 16.♕e2?



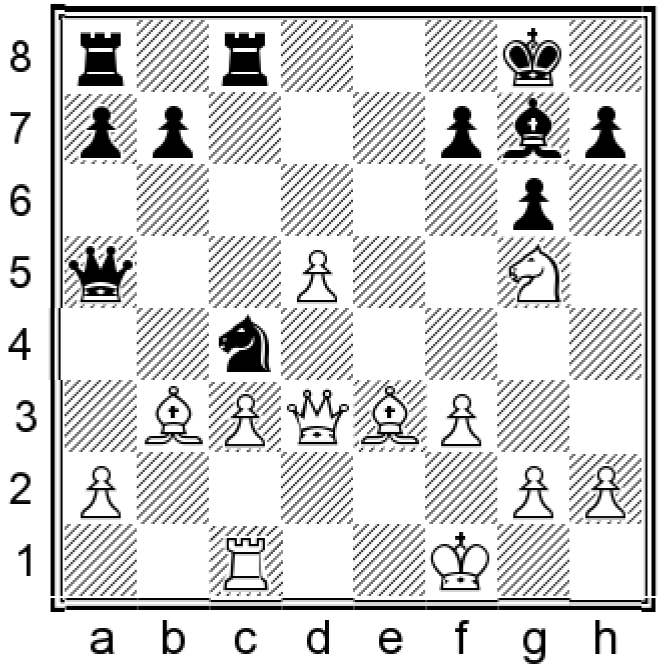
16...♘d7!

16...♗xc3+? 17.♔f2!±

17.O-O ♘e5 18.♗b3 ♗d3 19.♕d2

19.♕f2! ♗xf1 20.♖xf1 ♖xc3 21.d6 ♘c4 22.♗d2 ♘xd2 (22...♘xd6 23.♘e4! ♕b4 24.♘xc3 ♗xc3 25.♗xc3 ♕xc3∓) 23.♕xd2 h6! 24.♘e4∓

19...♗xf1 20.♔xf1 ♘c4 21.♕d3



21...♕xd5!-+ 22.♕xd5 ♘xe3+ 23.♔e2 ♘xd5 24.♗xd5 ♖e8+! 25.♘e4!

25.♔f2 ♖e5 26.♗xf7+ ♔f8 27.h4 h6-+

25...♖ad8 26.♗b3 ♗h6 27.♖e1 ♔g7 28.♔f1 f5 29.♘c5 ♖xe1+ 30.♔xe1 ♖e8+

30...♖d2-+

31.♔d1 b6 32.♘d3 ♔f6 33.f4 g5 34.fxg5+ ♗xg5 35.♗d5 ♖e3 36.♔c2 ♖e2+ 37.♔b3 ♖d2 38.♘b4

38.♔c4 ♖xa2-+38.♗c4 ♖xg2-+

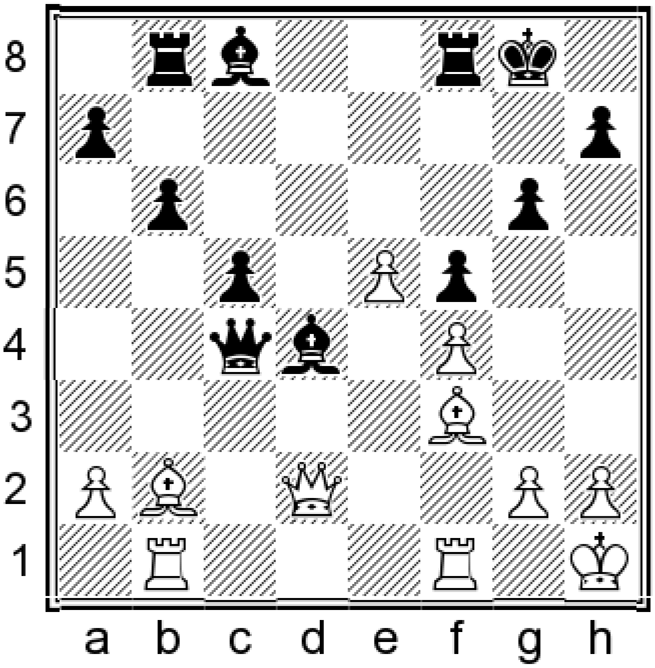
38...a5 0-1

164.* D85
Chatalbashev, Boris (2542) - Ristic, Nenad (2416)
Srbija 130/164, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.cxd5 ♘xd5 5.e4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 c5 7.♘f3 ♗g7 8.♖b1 O-O 9.♗e2 ♘c6 10.d5 ♘e5 11.♘xe5 ♗xe5 12.♕d2 e6 13.f4 ♗g7 14.c4 b6 15.O-O ♗d4+ 16.♔h1 exd5

16...♖e8 - 48/616

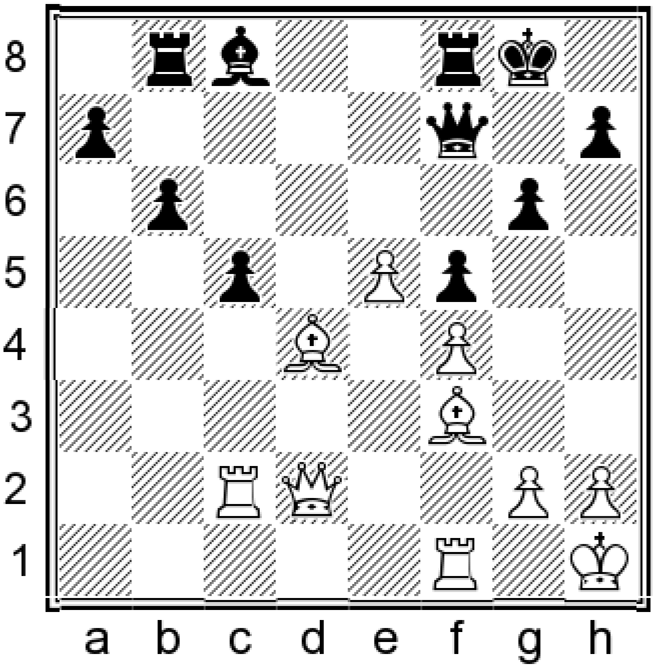
17.cxd5 f5 18.e5 ♕xd5 19.♗f3 ♕c4 20.♗b2 ♖b8



21.♖bc1?!N

21.♗xd4 - 130/(164) 21...♖d8 (21...♕xd4 22.♕xd4 cxd4 23.♗d5+ ♔h8 24.♖fd1 ♖d8 25.♖xd4 ♗e6 26.♖bd1 ♖bc8 27.h3 ♗xd5 28.♖xd5 ♖xd5 29.♖xd5 a5=) 22.♕c3 ♕xd4 23.♕a3N (23.♕b3+ c4 24.♕a3 ♗e6 25.♕xa7 (25.♖bd1 ♕c5∓) 25...c3⩱) 23...♗e6 24.♕xa7 ♕d7 25.♕xd7 ♖xd7 26.a4 ♖a7 27.♖fc1 ♖xa4 28.♖xc5 bxc5 29.♖xb8+ ♔f7= Iniyan,P (2368) -Troff,K (2522) Abu Dhabi 130/(164) 2016

21...♕xa2 22.♖c2 ♕f7 23.♗xd4



23...♖d8!

23...cxd4 24.♖fc1 ♗e6 25.♖c7 ♕e8 26.♖xa7 ♖f7 27.♖xf7 ♕xf7 28.♕xd4±

24.e6 ♗xe6 25.♗e5 ♖xd2 26.♖xd2 ♖e8-+ 27.♖fd1 ♗b3 28.♖b1 ♔f8 29.♗c6 ♖c8

29...♖xe5!? 30.fxe5 ♕e6 31.♖d8+ ♔g7-+

30.♖d6 ♕c4 31.♗d7 ♕e4 32.♖g1 ♖c7 33.♗xf5 gxf5 34.♖d8+ ♔e7 35.♗xc7 c4 36.♖h8 ♔d7

36...c3 37.♖xh7+ ♔e6 38.♗e5 c2 39.♖xa7 ♗d5 40.♖aa1 b5-+

37.♖xh7+ ♔c6 38.♗e5 a5 39.h4 ♔b5 40.h5 c3! 41.♖c7

41.♗xc3 ♕xf4-+

41...c2 42.h6 ♕e2 43.♖c3 ♗d5 44.♔h2 ♕f2 45.♖g3 ♕xg1+ 46.♔xg1 c1=Q+ 47.♔h2 ♕d1 48.♖g5 ♕e1 49.♖g3 ♕e2

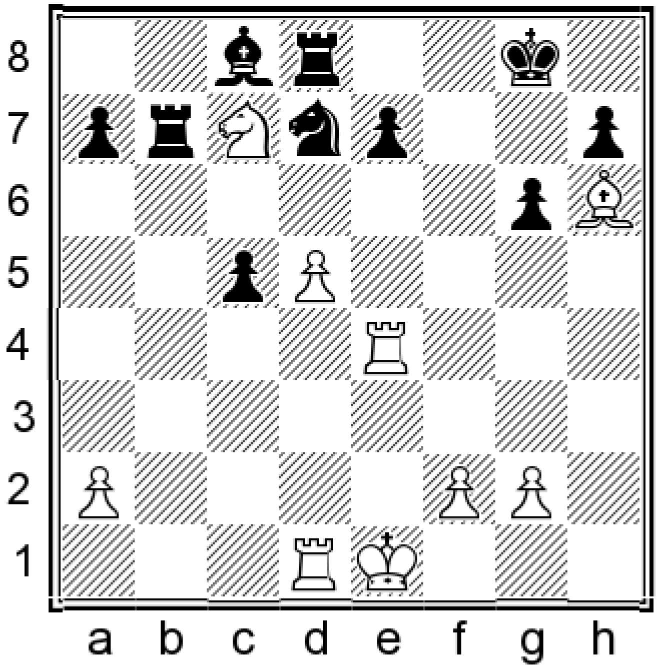
49...♕e2 50.h7 (50.♖g5 a4 51.h7 ♗xg2 52.♖xg2 (52.h8=Q ♗e4+ 53.♔g1 ♕e1+ 54.♔h2 ♕h1+ 55.♔g3 ♕g2+ 56.♔h4 ♕h2#) 52...♕h5+-+) 50...♕h5+ 51.♖h3 ♕g6 52.g3 ♕g4-+0-1

165.!N D90
Riazantsev, Alexander (2651) - Kokarev, Dmitry (2636)
Russia (ch) 130/165, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.h4 dxc4 6.e4 O-O 7.♗xc4

7.h5 - 118/(156)

7...c5 8.d5 b5 9.♗xb5 ♘xe4 10.♘xe4 ♕a5+ 11.♘c3 ♗xc3+ 12.bxc3 ♕xb5 13.h5 ♕c4 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.♖h4 ♕xc3+ 16.♗d2 ♕d3 17.♗h6 ♕xd1+ 18.♖xd1 ♖e8 19.♘g5 ♘d7 20.♘e6 ♖b8 21.♘c7 ♖d8 22.♘e6 ♖e8 23.♘c7 ♖d8 24.♖e4 ♖b7



25.d6!N

25.♗f4

25...exd6

25...e5 26.f4 ♘f6 (26...exf4 27.♘d5 ♖b2 28.♘e7+ ♔h8 29.♘xc8 ♖xc8 30.♖e7+-) (26...♖b4 27.♖xb4 cxb4 28.♗g5 ♖f8 29.♘e6 ♖e8 30.♗e7 ♗b7 31.♘c7 ♖c8 32.fxe5 ♘xe5 33.d7 ♘xd7 34.♖xd7 ♗c6 35.♖d8+ ♖xd8 36.♗xd8 ♗xg2 37.♘a6±) 27.♖e2! (27.♖xe5 ♗g4 28.♘e6 ♗xe6 29.♖xe6 ♘g4 30.♗g5 ♔f7! 31.♖e2 ♘f6∞) 27...e4 (27...exf4 28.♗g5±) (27...♗g4

28.fxe5 ♗xe2 29.♔xe2 ♘g4 30.e6+-) 28.♗g5 ♔f7 29.♗xf6 ♔xf6 30.♖xe4±

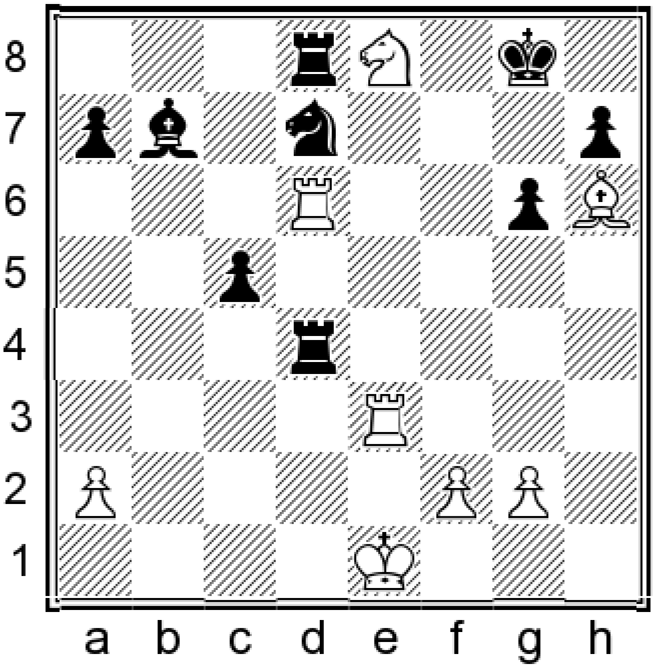
26.♘e8

26.♘e6!? ♖e8 27.♘xc5 ♖xe4+ 28.♘xe4 ♘e5 29.♘xd6 ♖c7 30.♘xc8 ♖xc8 31.♖d5±

26...♖b4 27.♖e3± ♗b7?

27...♗a6 28.f3 (28.♖e7 ♖h4 29.♗g5 (29.♖xd6 ♖xh6 30.♖dxd7 ♖h1+ 31.♔d2 ♖xd7+ 32.♖xd7 ♔f8 33.♘f6 h5 34.♖xa7 ♗b5=) 29...♖h1+ 30.♔d2 ♖xd1+ 31.♔xd1 ♔f8 32.♖xh7 (32.♘c7 ♗c4 33.♘e6+ ♗xe6 34.♖xe6 ♖c8 35.♖xd6 ♘b6∞) 32...♖xe8 33.♗h6+ ♔g8 34.♖g7+ ♔h8 35.♖xd7 ♗e2+ 36.♔c2 ♗f1=) 28...♖h4 29.♗g5 ♖h1+ 30.♔d2 ♖xd1+ 31.♔xd1 ♖b8 32.♖e7 ♗b5 33.♘xd6 ♗a4+ 34.♔c1 ♖b6 35.♘e4±

28.♖xd6 ♖d4

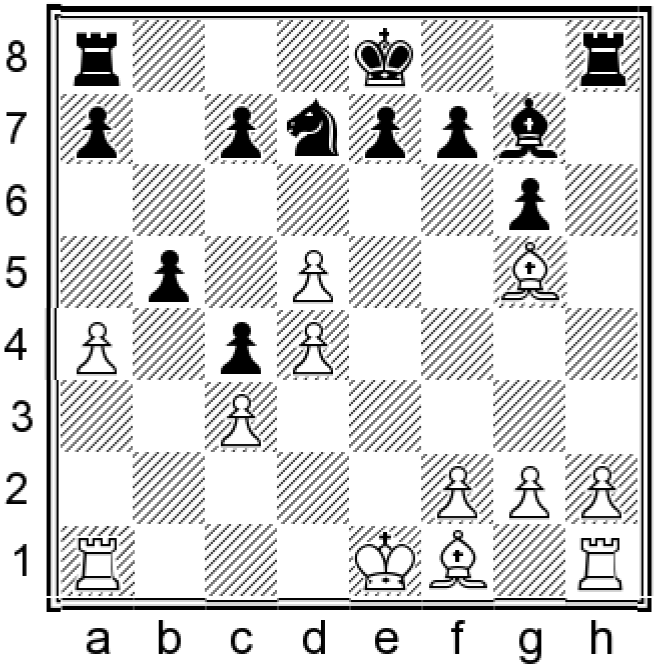


28...♖b1+ 29.♔d2 ♖b6 30.♘f6+ ♔f7 31.♖xd7+ ♖xd7+ 32.♘xd7 ♖d6+ 33.♖d3+-

29.♗g5!+- ♖xd6 30.♘xd6 ♖b8 31.♖e7 ♗c6 32.♗h6 ♔h8 33.♘f7+ ♔g8 34.♘g5 ♘e5 35.♖xe5 ♖b1+ 36.♔d2 1-0

166. D91
Radjabov, Teimour (2722) - Van Wely, Loek (2674)
Espana 130/166, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♗g5 ♘e4 5.♗h4 ♘xc3 6.bxc3 dxc4 7.e3 ♗e6 8.♘f3 ♗g7 9.♕b1 b6 10.♘g5 ♗d5 11.e4 h6 12.exd5 hxg5 13.♕b5+ ♕d7 14.♕xd7+ ♘xd7 15.♗xg5 b5 16.a4



16...b4!?

16...♘b6 - 41/(545)

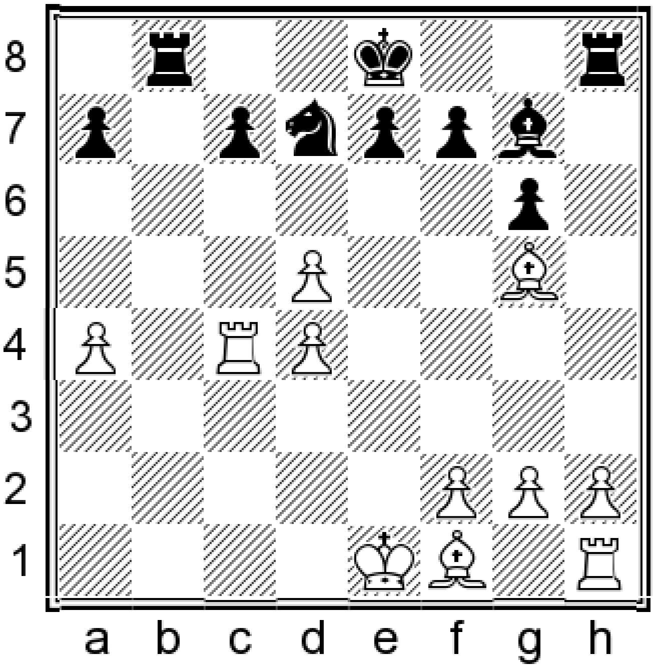
17.♖c1N

17.cxb4 ♗xd4 18.O-O-O ♗f6 (18...♗c3) (18...♗xf2 19.♗xc4 f6 20.♗f4 g5 21.♗d2 O-O-O 22.♗c3⯹) 19.♗xf6 ♘xf6 20.f3 (20.♗xc4?! ♖h4 21.♗b5+ ♔f8⩱) (20.♖d4 O-O-O 21.h4 (21.♗xc4 e5!) 21...♘xd5 22.♗xc4 ♘xb4 23.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 24.♗xf7 ♖d6=) 20...♖b8 21.b5 ♘d7∞

17...bxc3 18.♖xc3 ♖b8

18...♗xd4 19.♖xc4 ♗b6∞

19.♖xc4



19...♘b6

⌓19...♖b1+!? 20.♔d2 O-O! 21.♖xc7 (21.♗xe7? ♗h6+! 22.♔d3 ♖e8 23.d6 cxd6 24.♗xd6 ♖ee1∓) 21...♘f6 22.♖xe7 ♘xd5 23.♖d7 (23.♖xa7 ♖fb8 24.♗e3 ♖1b2+ 25.♔c1 (25.♔d3 f5 26.♔c4 ♘b6+ 27.♔c3 (27.♔c5? ♖c2+ 28.♔d6 ♘c8+-+) 27...♘d5+=) 25...♖b1+=) 23...♘b6 24.♖xa7 ♗xd4 25.a5 ♘c4+ 26.♗xc4 ♖b2+ 27.♔d3 ♗xa7=

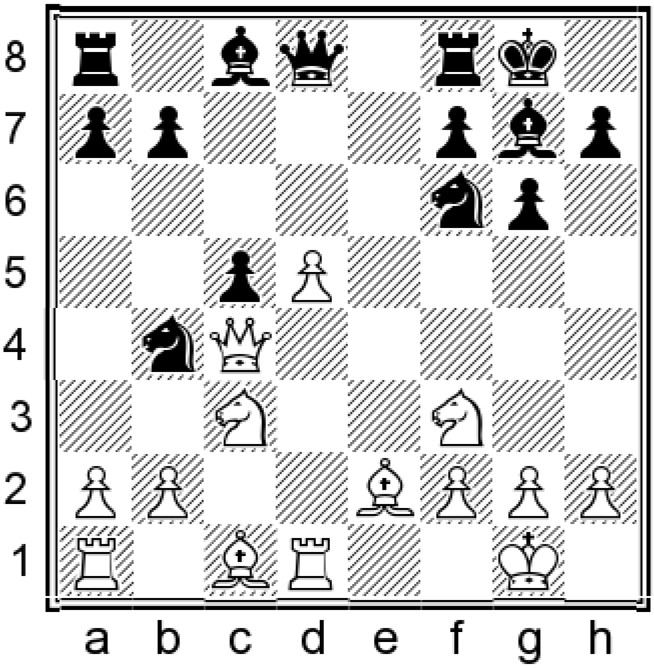
20.♖xc7 ♘xd5 21.♖c5 e6 22.♗b5+ ♔f8 23.O-O

23.♗e3!? a6 24.♗d3 ♖b3 (24...♗f6 25.O-O ♗e7 26.♖cc1 a5 27.♗b5±) 25.♔e2 ♖a3 26.♗xa6 (26.♗c4 ♘xe3 27.fxe3 ♗h6 28.♗d3 ♖xa4 29.♖hc1 ♔g7 30.h4 ♖b8 31.g4 ♔g8=) 26...♖a2+ 27.♔f3 ♖xa4 28.♗c4±

23...♗xd4 24.♖c4 e5 25.♖fc1 ♔g7= 26.g3 ♖b6 27.♔g2 a6 28.♗c6 ♘f6 29.h3 ♖b2 30.♖1c2 ♖hb8 1/2-1/2

167. D97
Gelfand, Boris (2743) - Li, Chao (2746)
Moscow 130/167, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♕b3 dxc4 6.♕xc4 O-O 7.e4 ♘a6 8.♗e2 c5 9.d5 e6 10.O-O exd5 11.exd5 ♘b4 12.♖d1



12...♘c2!?N

12...b6 - 95/341

13.♖b1 ♘d4 14.♘xd4 cxd4 15.♖xd4

15.♕xd4 ♗f5 16.♖a1 ♘e4 17.♕b4 ♖e8 18.♗e3 a5 19.♕b3 (19.♕xb7 ♖b8 20.♕a6 ♖a8 21.♕c4 ♖c8=) 19...a4 20.♘xa4 ♘xf2! 21.♔xf2 ♕h4+ 22.♔g1 ♕xa4 23.♕xa4 ♖xa4 24.♗b5 ♖xe3 25.♗xa4 ♗xb2=

15...♗f5 16.♖a1

16.♗d3?! ♘e8! 17.♗xf5 (17.♗f4 ♕b6∓) 17...♘d6 18.♕d3 ♗xd4 19.♕xd4 ♘xf5∓

16...♘e8 17.♗f4

17.♖d1 ♗c2! 18.♖e1 (18.♖d2 ♘d6 19.♕f4 ♗f5 20.g4 g5! 21.♕f3 ♗g6=∞) 18...♘d6 19.♕f4 ♖e8=∞17.♖f4 ♘d6 18.♕b3 ♖e8 19.♗e3 ♖c8=∞

17...♘d6

17...♗xd4?! 18.♕xd4 ♕b6 19.♕xb6 (19.♕d2±) 19...axb6 20.♗h6 ♘g7 21.♗b5 f6 22.♖e1↑

18.♕c5

18.♗xd6 ♕xd6 19.♕b4 ♖ad8 20.♕xd6 ♖xd6 21.♖b4 ♖e8 22.♗f3 b6=∞

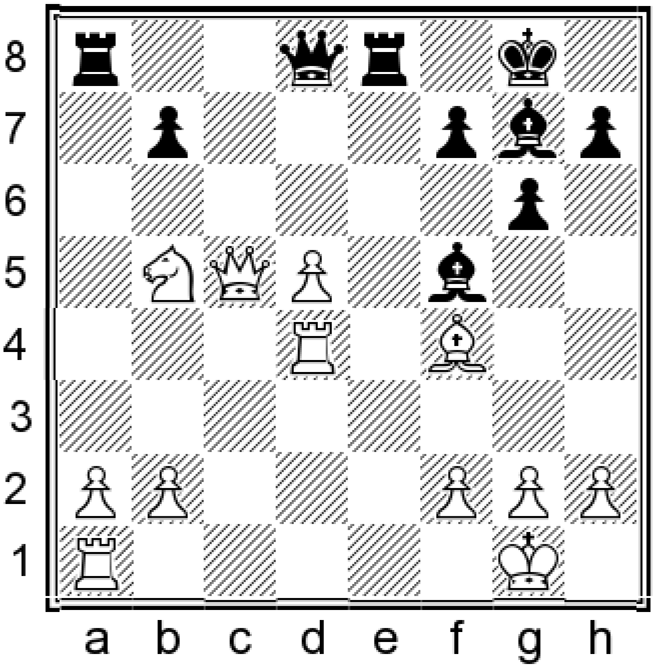
18...♖e8 19.♗b5?!

19.♖ad1 ♗xd4 20.♕xd4 g5 21.♗g3 a6∞

19...♘xb5 20.♘xb5 ♖c8 21.♕xa7

21.♕b4 a5 22.♕d2 ♖c2 23.♕d1 ♖xb2-+

21...♖a8 22.♕c5



22.♕xb7 ♖xa2!-+

22...♖xa2! 23.♖ad1?!

23.♖f1 ♕a5 24.b4 ♗xd4 25.♘xd4 ♕xc5 26.bxc5 ♖a4 27.♗e3 ♖e5∓

23...♗xd4 24.♕xd4

24.♘xd4 ♖a5 25.♕c1 ♖xd5 26.♗e3 ♕d6-+

24...♖e4 25.♕d2 ♕b6-+ 26.♘c3 ♖xb2 27.♘xe4 ♖xd2 28.♘xd2 ♕d4 29.♗e3 ♕xd5 30.♖c1 b5 31.♖c5 ♕d7

31...♕b7 32.♗d4 b4-+

32.h3 b4 33.♖c4 ♕d6 34.g4 ♗e6 35.♖d4 ♕f8 36.♘e4 b3 37.♖d2 f5 38.♘c5 ♕b8

38...♗c4-+

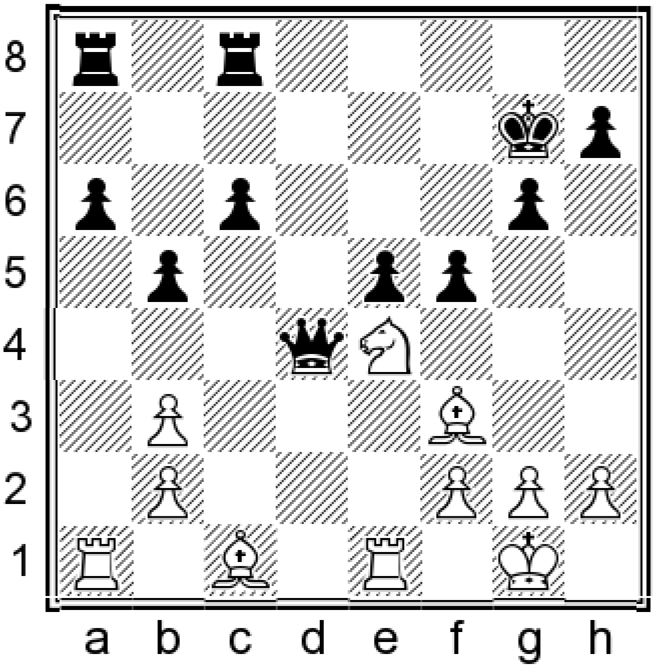
39.♘xe6 b2 40.♖xb2 ♕xb2 41.g5 ♕b1+ 42.♔h2 ♕e4 43.♘f4 ♕f3 44.♘g2 ♔f7 45.♘h4 ♕d1 46.♗f4 ♔e6 47.♔g3 ♔d5 48.♘f3 ♔e4 49.♘d2+ ♔d3 50.♔g2 ♔e2 51.♗e3 ♕a4 52.♔g3 ♕b4 53.♗f4 ♕c5 54.♗e3 ♕d6+ 55.♗f4 ♕d4 56.♗e3 f4+! 57.♗xf4 ♕xf2+ 58.♔g4 ♕g1+ 59.♔h4 ♕g2 0-1

168. D97
Ferreira, Jorge Viterbo (2511) - Salgado Lopez, Ivan (2662)
Baku (ol) 130/168, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 d5 4.♘f3 ♗g7 5.♕b3 dxc4 6.♕xc4 O-O 7.e4 a6 8.♗e2 b5 9.♕b3 ♘c6 10.e5 ♗e6 11.exf6 ♗xb3 12.fxg7 ♔xg7 13.axb3 ♘xd4 14.♘xd4 ♕xd4 15.O-O c6

15...♕b4 - 103/341

16.♗f3 ♖fc8 17.♖e1 e5 18.♘e4 f5?!N



18...♕b4 19.♗d2 (19.♖d1 ♖e8 20.♗g5 a5 21.♖d3=∞) 19...♕xb3 20.♗c3 f6 21.g4=∞

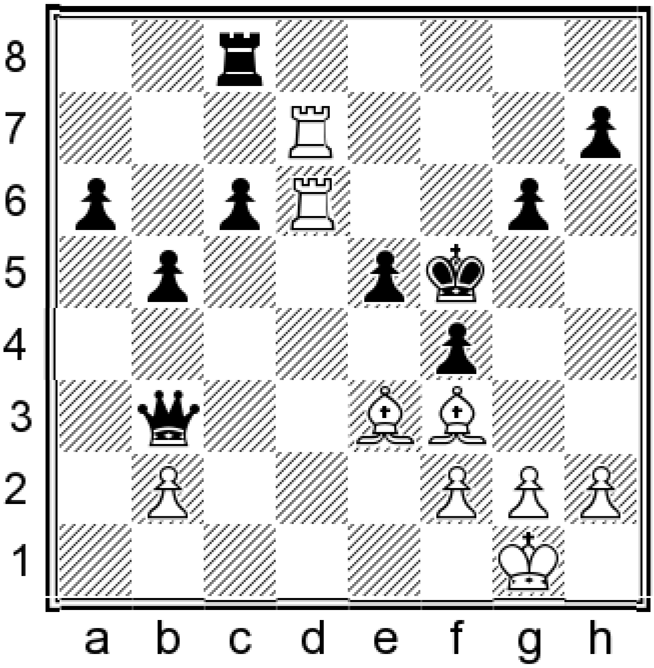
19.♖d1! ♕a7

19...♕b6 20.♖d7+ ♔h8 21.♗e3 c5 (21...♕b8 22.♘f6 ♖c7 23.♖ad1+-) 22.♗h6 fxe4 23.♗g7+ ♔g8 24.♗xe4 ♕e6 25.♖ad1! (25.♗d5? ♕xd5 26.♖xd5 ♔xg7=) 25...♖d8 26.♗d5+-19...fxe4 20.♖xd4 exd4 21.♗xe4 ♖a7 22.b4+-

20.♗e3 ♕f7 21.♘d6+- ♕xb3 22.♘xc8 ♖xc8 23.♖d7+ ♔f6

23...♔g8 24.♖xa6 ♕xb2 25.♖aa7+-

24.♖ad1 f4 25.♖1d6+ ♔f5



26.g4+! fxg3

26...♔g5 27.♖xh7 fxe3 28.h4+ ♔f4 29.♖f6#

27.hxg3 h5 28.♗d1 ♕g8

28...♕xb2 29.♖f7+ ♔e4 30.♗f3#

29.♖e7

29.♗c2+ e4 (29...♔g4 30.♖d4++-) 30.f3 ♖e8 31.fxe4+ ♖xe4 32.♖xc6+-

29...e4 30.f3 exf3 31.♗c2+

31.♗c2+ ♔g4 32.♖e4+ ♔xg3 33.♗f2+ ♔h3 34.♖h4#1-0

E00-E49

169.* E01
Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar (2761) - Harikrishna, Penteala (2752)
Baku (ol) 130/169, 2016

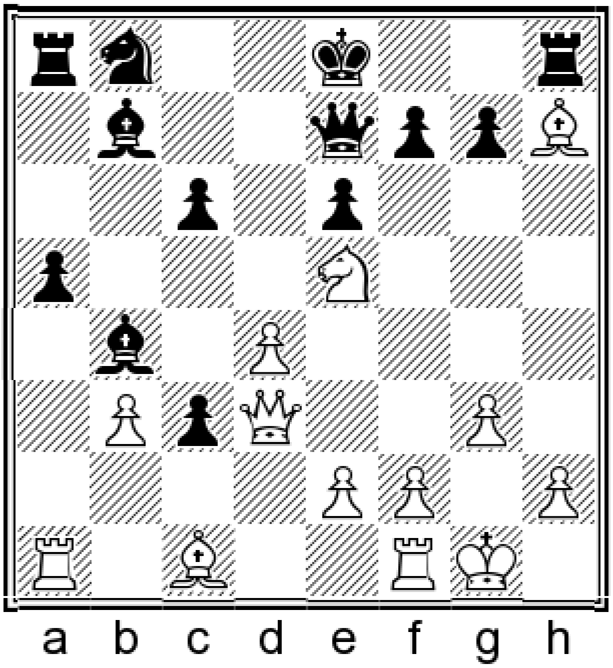
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♘f6 4.♘f3 c6 5.g3 dxc4 6.♗g2 b5 7.O-O ♗b7 8.♘e5 a6 9.b3 b4

9...cxb3 - 126/158

10.♘e4 ♘xe4 11.♗xe4 c3 12.a3 a5 13.axb4 ♗xb4N

13...axb4 - 130/(169) 14.♗f4 (14.♖xa8 ♗xa8 15.♕d3 ♗e7 16.♗f4 ♗b7 17.♖a1 f5 18.♗g2 O-O 19.♘c4±) 14...♘d7 15.♗xc6 ♗xc6 16.♘xc6 ♕c8 17.♖xa8N (17.♘a5) 17...♕xa8 18.d5 ♗c5 19.♕d3 O-O 20.dxe6 ♕xc6 21.exd7 ♖d8 22.♖d1 ♗b6 23.e4 h6 24.h4 ♕e6 25.♕d5 ♕g4 26.♔g2 c2 27.♖c1 Ding, L (2778)-So,W (2775) Shanghai (m/3) 130/(169) 2016 (27.♖c1 ♖xd7!=)

14.♕d3 ♕e7 15.♗xh7!?



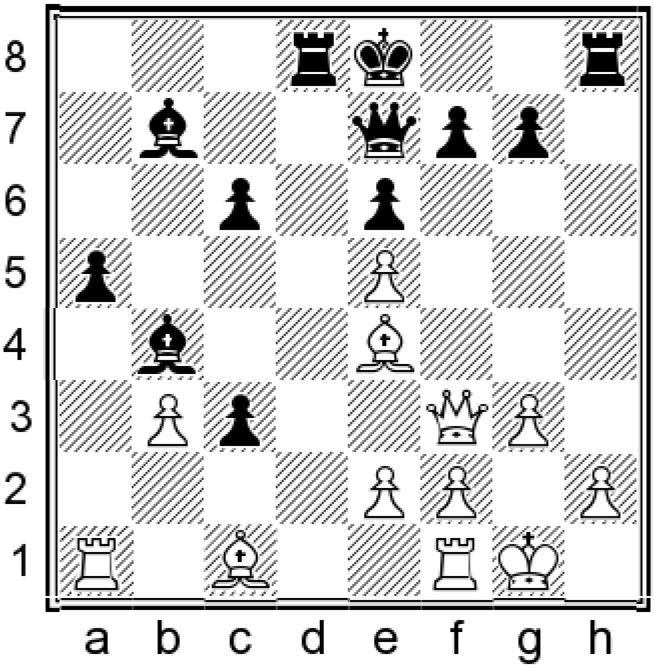
15...♘d7

15...g6? 16.♗xg6 fxg6 17.♕xg6+ ♔f8 18.♗g5+-15...c5!? 16.♗e4 (16.♗g6 O-O 17.♗h7+ ♔h8 18.g4 ♕h4□ 19.♗e4 ♗d5∞) 16...O-O 17.♗xb7 (17.d5 ♖d8 18.dxe6 ♖xd3 19.exf7+ ♔f8 20.♘g6+ ♔xf7 21.♘xe7 ♗xe4 22.exd3 ♗xd3∓) 17...♕xb7 18.dxc5 ♕c7=

16.♗e4 ♘xe5 17.dxe5 ♖d8

17...♖b8!? 18.h4 c5 19.♖d1 O-O 20.♗g5 ♕c7∞

18.♕f3



18...♖d5!? 19.♕g4

19.♗f4 c5 20.♕g4 ♔f8∞

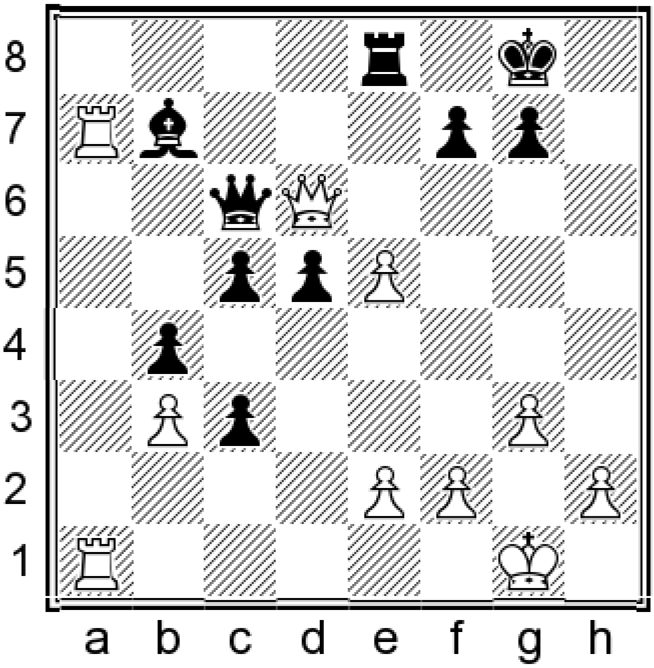
19...♔f8 20.♗xd5

20.♗g5 f6! 21.♗xd5 exd5 22.♕f5 ♔f7 23.exf6 gxf6∓

20...exd5 21.♖a4 c5

21...♔g8!?

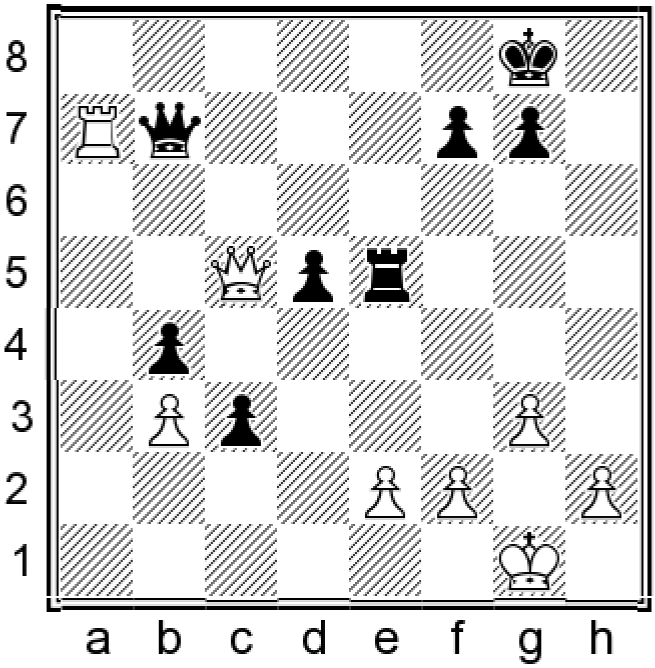
22.♗a3 ♖h6 23.♗xb4 axb4 24.♖fa1 ♕e8 25.♖a7 ♕c6 26.♕g5 ♖e6 27.♕d8+ ♖e8 28.♕d6+ ♔g8



29.♖xb7?

29.♕xc6 ♗xc6 30.♖c7 c4-+29.f4 d4∓29.♖1a5! c2 30.♖a1 d4 31.♕xc6 ♗xc6 32.♖c1 ♖xe5 33.♖a2 ♗e4=29.f3!

29...♕xb7 30.♕xc5 ♖xe5 31.♖a7



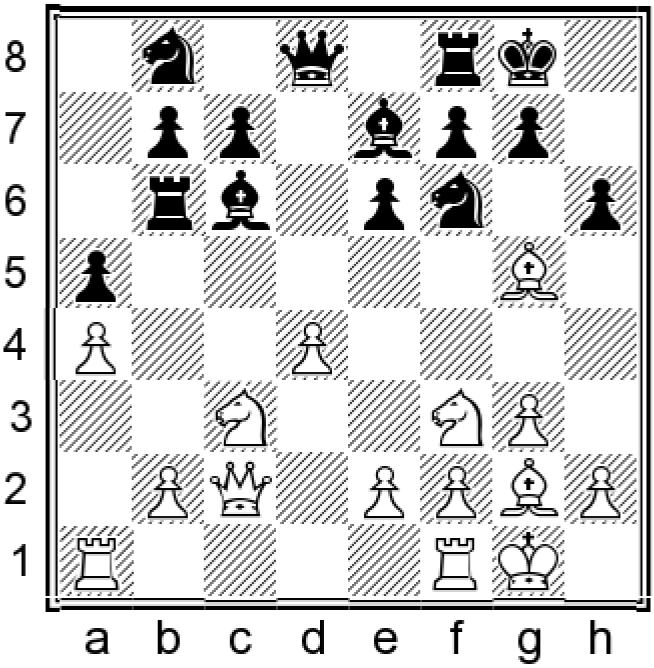
31...d4! 32.♕xd4 ♖d5 33.♖xb7 ♖xd4 34.♔g2 ♖d1 0-1

170. E05
So, Wesley (2794) - Adams, Michael (2748)
London 130/170, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♗g2 ♗e7 5.♘f3 O-O 6.O-O dxc4 7.♕c2 a6 8.a4 ♗d7 9.♕xc4 ♗c6 10.♗g5 a5 11.♘c3 ♖a6!? 12.♕d3

12.e3 - 68/(433)

12...♖b6 13.♕c2 h6



14.♗d2!?N

14.♗c1

14...♗b4

14...♘a6 15.e4 ♘b4 16.♕b1±

15.♖fe1 ♗xf3 16.♗xf3 ♘c6 17.e3 e5 18.♗xc6 exd4

18...♗xc3!? 19.bxc3 (19.♗xc3 exd4 20.♖ad1 ♖xc6 21.♖xd4±) 19...♖xc6 20.dxe5 ♘d5≅

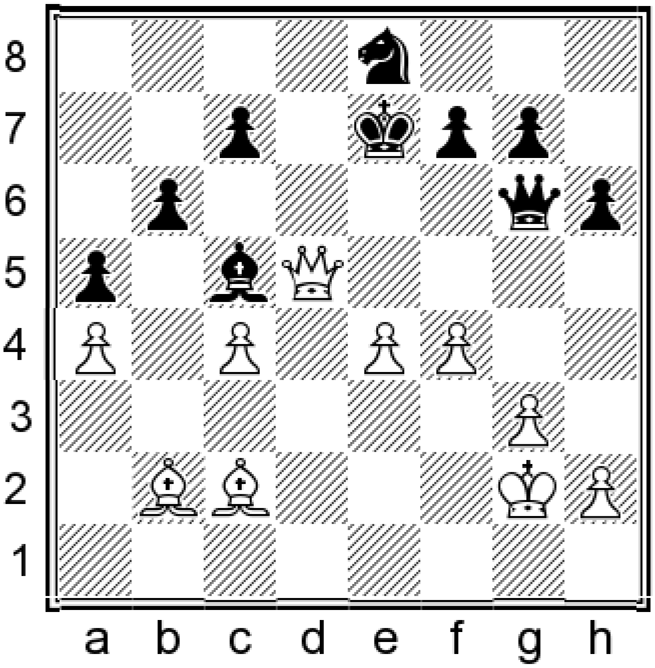
19.♗f3 dxc3 20.bxc3 ♗c5 21.♖ab1 ♖d6 22.♖ed1 b6 23.c4 ♕e7 24.♗c3 ♖fd8 25.♗b2 ♕e6 26.♖xd6 ♖xd6 27.♖d1 ♖xd1+ 28.♕xd1 ♗d6

28...♕xc4? 29.♗xf6 gxf6 30.♗d5 ♕b4 31.♕h5 ♕b1+ 32.♔g2 ♕h7 33.♕g4+ ♕g7 34.♕c8+ ♕f8 35.♕xc7±

29.♕d4 ♕e8 30.♗d1 ♕c6 31.♗c2 ♔f8 32.e4 ♗c5 33.♕d8+ ♘e8 34.♕d5 ♕g6

34...♕d6!? 35.e5 ♕xd5 36.cxd5 f6 37.♔g2 (37.e6 ♔e7 38.♗c1 ♘d6 39.♔g2 b5!⇄) 37...fxe5 38.♗xe5 ♗d6=

35.♔g2 ♔e7 36.f4



36...c6?!

36...♘f6 37.♕e5+ (37.♕c6 ♕g4 38.♗xf6+ (38.♕xc7+? ♘d7-+) 38...gxf6 39.♕xc7+ ♔e8 40.♕b8+ ♔e7=) 37...♔d7∞ Δ ♗d6

37.♕d3 ♘c7?

37...♕d6

38.f5 ♕g5

38...♕h7 39.e5+-38...♕d6 39.♕xd6+ ♗xd6 40.♗xg7+-

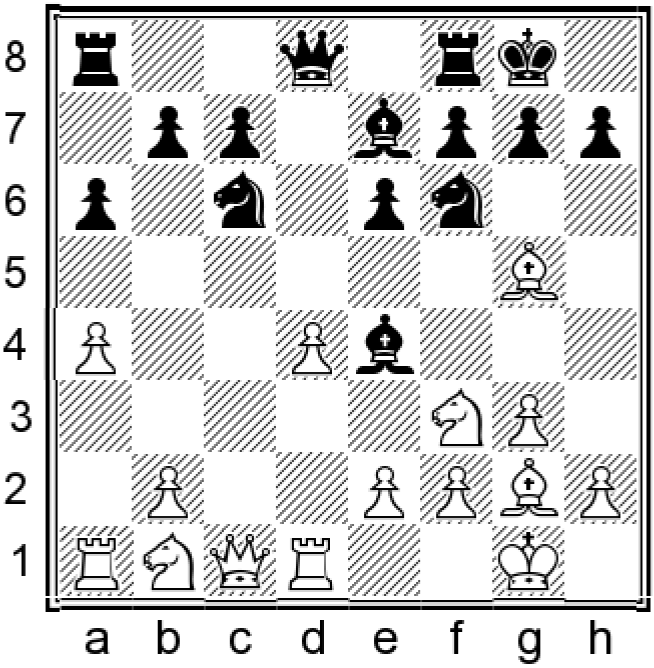
39.♗e5 ♘e6 40.fxe6 1-0

171. E05
Miron, Lucian Costin (2524) - Morozov, Nichita (2375)
Iasi 130/171, 2016

1.♘f3 d5 2.d4 ♘f6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 ♗e7 5.♗g2 O-O 6.O-O dxc4 7.♕c2 a6 8.a4 ♗d7 9.♕xc4 ♗c6 10.♗g5 ♗d5 11.♕c2 ♗e4 12.♕c1 ♘c6

12...h6 13.♗f4 ♘c6!? 14.♘bd2 ♘xd4 15.♘xd4 ♗xg2 16.♘xe6 fxe6 17.♔xg2 ♘d5∞ - 89/(420)

13.♖d1



13.e3 ♘b4 14.♘c3 ♗c6 15.♕b1 h6 16.♗xf6 ♗xf6 17.♖d1 g6⇄13.♘bd2 - 82/(430)

13...h6N

13...♘b4 14.♘c3 ♗c6 15.a5 h6 16.♗xf6 ♗xf6 17.e4±13...♘d5 14.♗xe7 ♕xe7 15.♘c3 (15.♘e5!?) 15...♘xc3 16.bxc3 ♘a5 17.♘e5 ♗xg2 18.♔xg2 f6 19.♘d3 ♘b3 20.♕a3 ♕xa3 21.♖xa3 ♘a5 22.e4±13...♗xf3!? 14.♗xf3 ♘xd4 15.♔g2 c5 16.e3 ♘b3 17.♖xd8 ♘xc1 18.♖xa8 ♖xa8 19.♘d2 ♘d3 20.♗xb7 ♖a7 21.♗f3 ♘xb2 22.♗e2 h6 23.♗f4 (23.♗xf6 ♗xf6 24.♖a2 c4=) 23...♖d7 24.e4 ♘d3 25.♗e3 c4 (25...♘b4 26.♖c1=∞) 26.♘xc4 ♘xe4 27.♖d1 ♘dc5 28.♖c1 ♘d3=

14.♗xf6

14.♗f4 ♘d5! (14...♗xf3 15.♗xf3 ♘xd4 16.♔g2 c5 17.e3 ♘b3 18.♖xd8 ♘xc1 19.♖xa8 ♖xa8 20.♗xb7 ♖a7 21.♗c6 ♘b3 22.♗b8 ♖d7 23.♗xd7 ♘xd7 24.♖a3 c4 25.♗c7 ♗xa3 26.♘xa3 ♘dc5 27.♘xc4 ♘xa4 28.♔f3±) 15.♘c3 ♘xc3 (15...♘xf4 16.♕xf4 ♗c2 17.d5 exd5 (17...♗xd1 18.dxc6±) 18.♖xd5 ♕c8 19.♕c4 ♗f5 20.♖d2 ♘a5 21.♕a2 c6 22.♘d4 ♗g6 23.♖ad1 (23.♖c1 ♕e8 24.♖cd1 ♗b4 25.♘f3 b5↑) 23...♖d8 24.♗e4 ♗xe4 25.♘xe4 b5⇄) 16.bxc3 (16.♕xc3 g5! (16...♕d5 17.♘e1=) 17.♗e5 f6 (17...♕d7 18.♕e3 ♗f5 19.♖ac1∞) 18.♘xg5 hxg5 19.♗xe4 fxe5 20.dxe5 ♕e8 21.♖ac1 ♖b8∓) 16...♘a5 17.♘d2 ♗xg2 18.♔xg2 ♗d6 (18...c5 19.♕b1 ♗d6 20.♗e3 ♕c8 21.♕e4) 19.♗e3 f5 (19...b5 20.♕c2 ♕d7 21.f3) 20.f3 ♕e7 21.♗f2 e5⇄

14...♗xf6 15.♘bd2

15.♘c3 ♗xf3 (15...♗h7!? 16.d5 exd5 17.♘xd5 ♕d6 18.♘d2 ♘d4! 19.♕c4 b5 20.♘e4 bxc4 21.♘dxf6+ gxf6 22.♘xd6 ♘xe2+ 23.♔f1 c3! 24.bxc3 ♘xc3 25.♗xa8 ♘xd1=) 16.♗xf3 ♘xd4 17.♗xb7 ♖a7 (17...♕b8 18.♗xa8 ♘b3 19.♕b1 ♘xa1 20.♗e4 ♘b3 21.♗h7+ ♔h8 22.♗c2 ♘c5 23.b4 ♗xc3 24.bxc5 ♕a7 25.♖d7 ♕xc5 26.♗d3↑) 18.♗g2 ♕b8 19.♖b1 c5! 20.e3 ♖c7 21.♕d2 ♘b3 22.♕d6 ♖d8 23.♕xa6 ♘d2 24.♖bc1 ♕xb2 25.♕b5 ♗xc3=

15...♗h7 16.e3

16.♘b3 ♕e7 17.♕c5 ♖fd8 18.♖ac1 ♖ab8 19.e3 ♘b4! 20.♘e5 ♘a2 21.♖a1 ♘b4 22.♘g4 ♕xc5 23.♘xc5 b6 24.♘xf6+ gxf6 25.♘e4 ♔g7 26.a5 c5=

16...♘b4⇄

16...♕e7 17.♘e1! ♖ab8 18.♗e4±

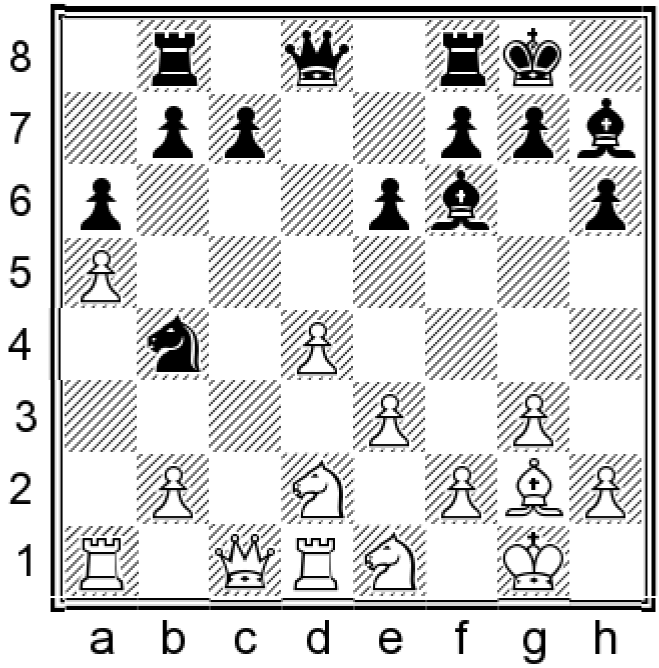
17.♘e1

17.♕c3 c5!? 18.♕xc5 ♗e7 19.♕h5 ♗c2 20.♖dc1 ♗g6 21.♕g4 ♘d3 22.♖c3 ♗f5 23.♕h5 ♗g6 24.♕h3 ♖c8=∞

17...♖b8

17...c6 18.a5 ♕e7 19.♘b3±

18.a5



18.♘e4 ♗xe4 19.♗xe4 a5=

18...b6!

18...♕e7 19.♘e4 ♗xe4 20.♗xe4 c6 21.♖a4±

19.♘e4 ♗e7 20.♕c4

20.♕c3 ♕d7 21.♘d3 ♕b5⇄ 22.♕xc7 ♘xd3 23.♕xe7 bxa5∞

20...♕d7

20...bxa5!? 21.b3 (21.♘c5 ♗xc5 22.♕xc5 ♖b5=) 21...c6 22.♘c5 ♗xc5 23.dxc5 ♕c7 24.♖d6 ♖b5 25.♕d4 (25.♖ad1? ♕a7 26.♖c1 ♘a2∓) 25...♘d5 26.♘f3 ♖xb3 (26...♖b4 27.♕e5 a4 28.♖xa4 ♖xa4 29.bxa4 ♕a5 30.♕d4↑) 27.♘e5 ♖b4 28.♕d2 ♖fb8 29.h3 (29.♗f3 ♖d8 30.♘xc6 ♖xd6 31.♘xb4 ♕xc5=) 29...♖4b5 (29...♖d8 30.♖xd8+ ♕xd8 31.♘xc6 ♕f6 32.♖a2 ♖c4 33.♕xa5±) 30.♕d4 ♖b4 31.♕d2=

21.♘c3

21.♘d3 ♘xd3 22.♕xd3 bxa5 23.♕xa6 ♖xb2 24.♕xa5 ♖fb8 25.♘d2 (25.♘c5 ♕d8 26.♘a6 ♖8b6=) 25...♖c2 26.♖dc1 c5=

21...♖fc8!?

21...♖fd8 22.♗e4 (22.e4?! b5 23.♕b3 c6∓) 22...♗xe4 23.♘xe4 ♖bc8 24.♘c2 ♘d5 25.b4 ♕b5=

22.d5

22.♗e4 ♗xe4 23.♘xe4 ♕e8!? 24.♘d3 c5 25.♘xb4 b5 26.♕b3 cxb4 27.♖ac1 ♖xc1 28.♖xc1 ♕d8=

22...bxa5

22...b5!? 23.♕g4 c5 24.♗h3 f5 (24...♗f5? 25.dxe6±) 25.♕e2 ♖d8 (25...♘xd5 26.♘xd5 exd5 27.♗g2 d4 28.exd4 cxd4 29.♘d3 ♗f6 30.♖ac1 ♖xc1 31.♖xc1 f4 32.♗e4⩱ Δ♗xe4 33.♕xe4 fxg3 34.hxg3 ♖e8 35.♖c7=) 26.♘g2 exd5 27.♘f4 d4 28.exd4 cxd4 (28...c4 29.b3∞) 29.♗g2∞

23.♖xa5

23.♗h3 ♗f5 24.dxe6 ♕xe6 25.♕xe6 ♗xe6 26.♗xe6 fxe6 27.♖xa5 c5 28.♖d7 c4! 29.♖e5 ♔f7⇄

23...c6?!

23...e5 24.♗e4 ♗xe4 25.♘xe4 ♖b5 26.♖xb5 axb5 27.♕b3 ♗f8! 28.♘c3 c5=23...c5!? 24.dxe6 ♕xe6 25.♕xe6 (25.♗d5 ♕f6 26.♖d2 ♗f8 27.e4 ♖e8⇄) 25...fxe6 26.♗f1 (26.♗h3 ♗f5) 26...c4! 27.♗h3 ♖b6 28.♘f3 ♗f6 29.♘d4 ♖e8!⇄

24.dxc6

24.dxe6 ♕xe6 25.♕xe6 fxe6 26.♗h3 ♔f7 27.♘f3±

24...♕c7 25.♖aa1 ♘xc6= 26.♖xa6 ♘e5 27.♕xc7 ♖xc7 28.♘a4 g5 29.♖b6 ♖bc8 1/2-1/2

172. E08
Sebenik, Matej (2526) - Volokitin, Andrei (2647)
Baku (ol) 130/172, 2016

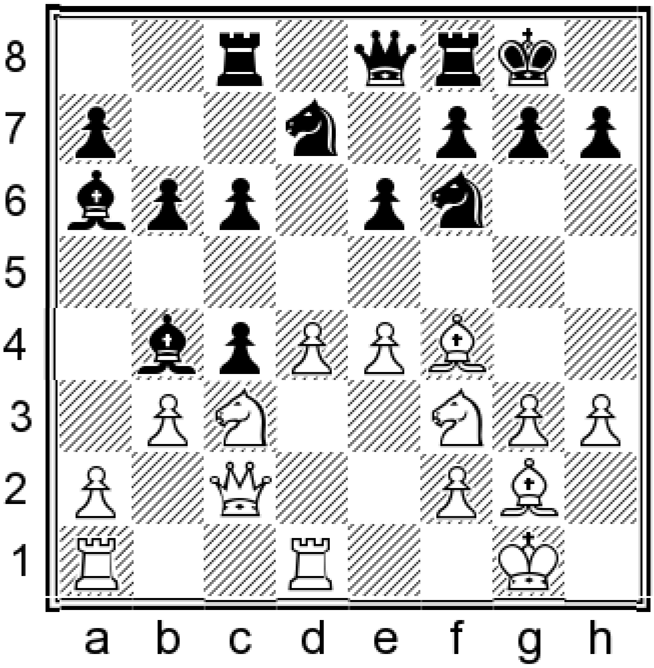
1.♘f3 d5 2.d4 ♘f6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 ♗e7 6.♗g2 O-O 7.O-O c6 8.♕c2 b6 9.♗f4 ♘bd7 10.♖d1 ♗a6 11.b3 ♖c8 12.♘c3 ♕e8!?

12...dxc4 13.e4

13.e4 dxc4 14.h3

14.♘d2 e5! 15.dxe5 ♘g4!

14...♗b4!=



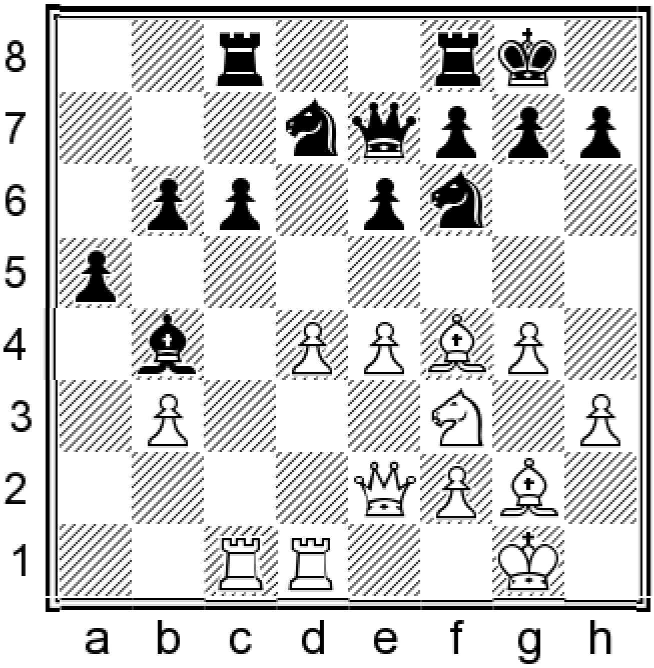
15.♘e2?N

15.♘d2 ♘h5! (15...e5 - 103/(359)) 16.♗e3 f5!15.♗d2 e5! 16.♘b1 c5! 17.d5 cxb3 18.axb3 ♗e2 19.♖e1 ♗xf3 20.♗xf3 a5∓15.e5 ♘d5 16.♘e4 (16.♘g5?! f5!∓) 16...f5! 17.♘d6! ♗xd6 18.exd6 c3 19.♘e5! ♘xe5 20.♗xe5! (20.dxe5 ♕h5) 20...f4 21.♗xd5 cxd5 22.gxf4 ♕h5=

15...cxb3?

15...c5! 16.d5! (16.♗d6? cxb3 17.♕b2 ♘xe4 18.♗xf8 ♗xe2 19.♕xe2 ♘c3-+) 16...exd5 17.e5! d4! (17...g6 18.exf6 cxb3 19.axb3 ♕xe2 20.♕c1) 18.bxc4 ♘h5 19.♘g5 g6 20.e6 fxe6! 21.♗d6 ♗a5! 22.♗xf8 ♘xf8∓

16.axb3 ♗xe2 17.♕xe2 a5 18.g4 ♕e7! 19.♖ac1



19.♗g5 e5 20.♖ac1 (20.dxe5 ♘xe5 21.♘d4 (21.♘xe5? ♕xe5 22.f4 ♕e6∓) 21...♘g6! 22.♘f5 ♕e5∓)

19...♖fe8

19...♖fd8! 20.♗g5 h6 21.♗h4 g5! 22.♗g3 c5! 23.h4 cxd4! 24.♖xc8 (24.♘xd4 gxh4! 25.♗c7 (25.♗xh4 ♘e5!∓ 26.♗g3 ♘fxg4! 27.♖xc8 ♖xc8 28.f3 ♖c3!-+) (25.♗f4 ♖xc1 26.♖xc1 ♕f8 27.♘c6 ♖e8⩱) 25...♖xc7! 26.♖xc7 ♕d6⩱) (24.hxg5? d3 25.♕xd3 hxg5 26.♖xc8 ♖xc8⩱ 27.♘xg5? ♖c3!∓) 24...♖xc8 25.hxg5 hxg5 26.♘xd4 ♗c3⩱

20.g5

20.♗g5 h6 21.♗h4 ♕f8!?

20...♘h5 21.♗e3 g6 22.♘e5?

22.♘h2! c5! 23.d5 exd5 24.♖xd5 ♘e5! 25.♕b5 ♘c6∞

22...♘xe5 23.dxe5 ♕c7!∓ 24.f4 ♖ed8 25.♗f3 c5

25...♖xd1+ 26.♖xd1 (26.♕xd1 b5!) 26...b5!

26.♗xh5

26.♕b5! ♖xd1+ 27.♖xd1 ♖d8 28.♔f2 ♔g7 29.♗xh5 gxh5 30.♖xd8 ♕xd8 31.♔e2 ♕a8 32.♔f3 ♕b7 33.♗f2 ♕c8! 34.♗e3 ♗c3!∓

26...gxh5 27.♔f2

27.♕xh5 b5 28.♔g2 c4-+

27...♕c6 28.♖xd8+ ♖xd8 29.♖d1 ♖c8

29...♖xd1! 30.♕xd1 c4 31.♕d8+ ♗f8 32.bxc4 ♕xe4! 33.♗xb6 ♕xf4+ 34.♔g2 ♕e4+ 35.♔f2 ♕xe5-+

30.♕a6 ♖a8 31.♕d3 b5 32.f5 c4 33.bxc4 ♕xc4?

33...bxc4! 34.♕c2 a4-+

34.♕xc4 bxc4 35.♖c1

35.♖d4 ♖c8 36.♔e2 a4 37.♖d7□ ♖a8! 38.♗d4 a3 39.♗a1 ♗a5!-+

35...c3 36.♗d4

36.♔e2 ♖d8!

36...a4 37.♗xc3 ♗xc3 38.♖xc3 a3 39.♖c1 a2 40.♖a1 ♖a3 41.h4 ♔f8 42.♔e2 ♖h3! 0-1

173. !N E10
Fier, Alexandr (2634) - Arab, Adlane (2493)
Baku (ol) 130/173, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 d5 4.♘c3 ♗e7 5.♗f4 O-O 6.e3 b6 7.♗d3 ♗a6 8.cxd5 ♘xd5 9.♘xd5 ♕xd5 10.♗xc7?! ♕a5+ 11.♔e2

11.♔f1 ♗xd3+ 12.♕xd3 ♘a6 13.♗e5 ♘b4 14.♕d1 ♖ac8 15.a3 ♕a6+ 16.♕e2 (16.♔g1 ♘d3 17.♕f1 ♕c4↑) 16...♕a4⯹

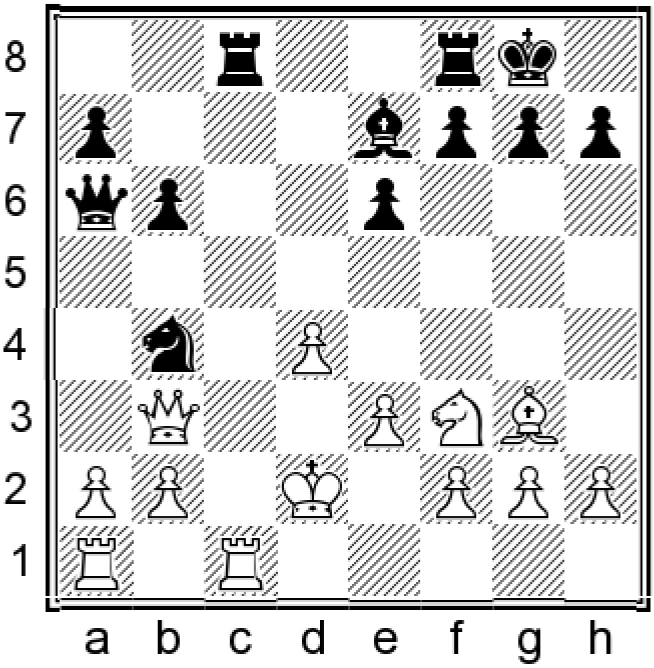
11...♗xd3+ 12.♕xd3 ♘a6 13.♗g3

13.♖hc1 ♖ac8 14.♗g3 ♘b4 15.♕b3 ♕a6+ 16.♔d1 ♕f1+ 17.♘e1 a5 18.♔d2! (18.a3? a4-+) 18...♕b5⯹

13...♘b4 14.♕b3 ♕a6+!N

14...♖ac8 - 83/(408)

15.♔d2 ♖ac8 16.♖hc1



16...♘c2!

16...♖xc1 17.♖xc1 ♘xa2 18.♖c7 ♖e8 (18...♗b4+ 19.♔c2 ♕e2+ 20.♔b1+-) 19.♕c4±

17.♕d3

17.♖xc2 ♖xc2+ 18.♕xc2 (18.♔xc2 ♕e2+ 19.♘d2 ♖c8+-+) 18...♗b4+ 19.♔c1 ♕f1+-+

17...♕xd3+

17...♕a5+!? 18.♔e2 ♘xa1 19.♖xa1 ♕a4∓

18.♔xd3 ♘xa1 19.♖xa1 ♖fd8 20.♘d2 ♖c6 21.♘e4 h5 22.f4?!

22.h4 ♖dc8 23.♘c3 ♗a3 24.♘b5 ♗xb2 25.♖b1 ♗c1 26.♘xa7 ♖c3+ 27.♔e4 ♖a8∓

22...b5

22...♖dc8! 23.♘c3 ♗a3! 24.♘d1 ♗b4 25.a3 ♖c1-+

23.a3 ♖dc8 24.♘c3 a6

24...♖a6 25.♖b1 b4 26.axb4 ♗xb4∓

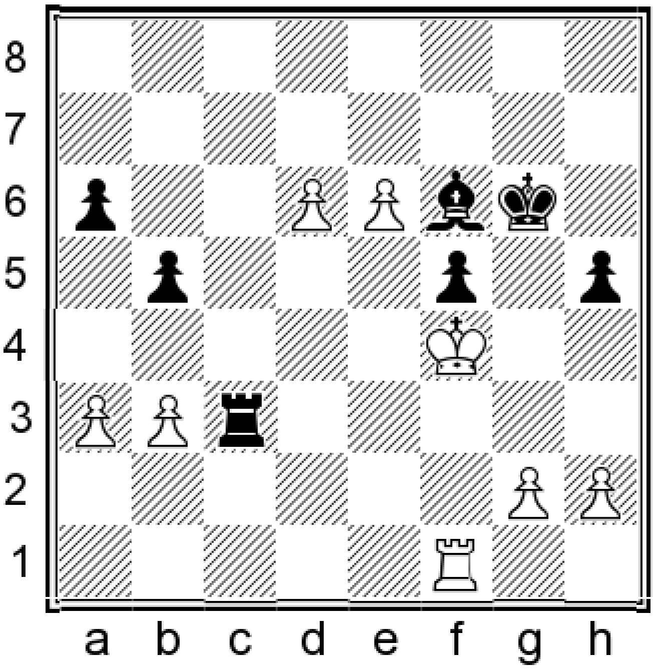
25.♗e1 f6 26.♗d2 ♔f7 27.♖f1 f5 28.♘e2 ♖c4 29.♖a1 g5 30.fxg5 ♗xg5 31.♖f1 ♔g6 32.♗c3 ♖d8 33.e4 ♖f8 34.e5 ♖d8 35.♗b4 ♖dc8 36.♘c3 ♗d8?!

36...h4!?∓

37.b3 ♖4c7 38.d5 ♖d7 39.♗d6 ♗f6

39...exd5 40.♘xd5 ♗c7 41.♖c1 ♗xd6 42.♘f4+ ♔g5 43.♘e6+ ♔h4 44.♖xc8 ♗xe5+ 45.♔e2 ♗xh2∓

40.dxe6 ♖xd6+ 41.exd6 ♖xc3+ 42.♔e2 ♖c2+ 43.♔f3 ♖c3+ 44.♔f4?!



44.♔e2=

44...♖d3

44...♖xb3! 45.e7 ♗g5+ 46.♔e5 ♖e3+ 47.♔d4 ♖e4+ 48.♔c5 ♗xe7 49.dxe7 ♖xe7 50.♔b6 ♖e6+ 51.♔a5 h4∓

45.e7 ♖d4+ 46.♔f3 ♖e4 47.♖c1 h4 48.g4

48.♖c6!? ♔g5 49.g3 (49.♖xa6? ♗d4!-+) 49...hxg3 50.hxg3 ♗xe7 51.dxe7 ♖xe7 52.♖xa6 ♖c7 53.♖e6 ♖c3+ 54.♖e3 ♖c1 55.♖d3 (55.♔e2 ♖a1=) 55...♖f1+ 56.♔g2 ♖a1 57.♖d5 ♖xa3 58.♖xb5 ♖a2+ 59.♔f3 ♖c2=

48...hxg3 49.hxg3 ♔f7 50.♖c6 ♖e6 51.♖c8 ♗xe7 52.dxe7 ♔xe7 53.♖a8 ♔f6 54.a4 bxa4 55.bxa4 ♖c6 56.a5 ♔e5 57.♖e8+ ♖e6 58.♖b8 ♖c6 59.♖e8+ ♖e6 1/2-1/2

174. E11
Carlsen, Magnus (2857) - Winants, Luc (2558)
Baku (ol) 130/174, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 ♗b4+ 4.♘bd2 O-O 5.a3 ♗e7 6.e4 d6 7.♗e2 c5 8.d5

8.b3 - 123/171

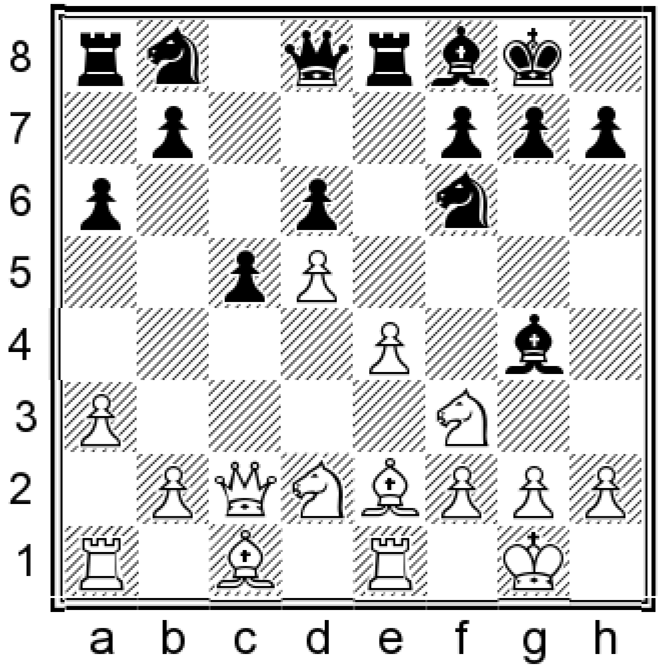
8...exd5?!

8...♘bd7

9.cxd5 ♖e8 10.O-O ♗f8 11.♖e1 a6N

11...♘xe4? 12.♗b5+-11...♗g4

12.♕c2 ♗g4

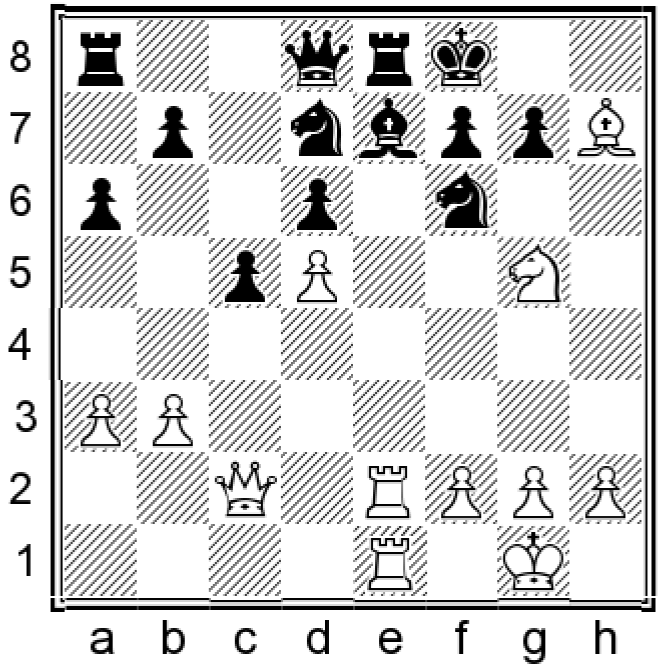


13.b3!?

13.♗d3 ♘bd7 14.h3 ♗xf3 15.♘xf3 g6 16.♗f4 b5 17.b3±

13...♘bd7

13...♗xf3 14.♘xf3 ♘xe4 (14...♖xe4 15.♗g5 ♖e8 16.♗d3 ♗e7 - 14...♘e4) 15.♗d3 ♘f6 16.♗g5 ♗e7 17.♖e2 (17.♗xf6 ♗xf6 18.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 19.♗xh7+ ♔f8 20.♖e1 ♕d8 21.♗f5 b5 22.h4 ♖a7□ (22...♗xh4? 23.♘xh4 ♕xh4 24.♕e2+-) 23.g4↑) 17...h6 18.♖ae1! ♘bd7□ (18...hxg5? 19.♘xg5 ♘bd7 20.♗h7+ ♔f8



21.♗g6! ♘e5 22.♗xf7!) 19.♗h4⯹

14.♗b2 b5 15.a4! ♕b6 16.♗f1

16.♕d3 ♖ab8 17.axb5 axb5 18.h3 ♗xf3 19.♕xf3 ♘e5 20.♕g3 g6 21.f4 ♘ed7 22.♗f3 ♖a8∞

16...♗xf3 17.♘xf3 g6 18.g3 ♗g7 19.♔g2 ♖ac8 20.h3 ♖b8 21.axb5 axb5 22.♘d2 ♖a8 23.♗c3!

23.f4? ♖xa1 24.♖xa1 (24.♗xa1 ♘xd5) 24...♘xe4! 25.♘xe4 ♗xb2 26.♕xb2 ♖xe4∓

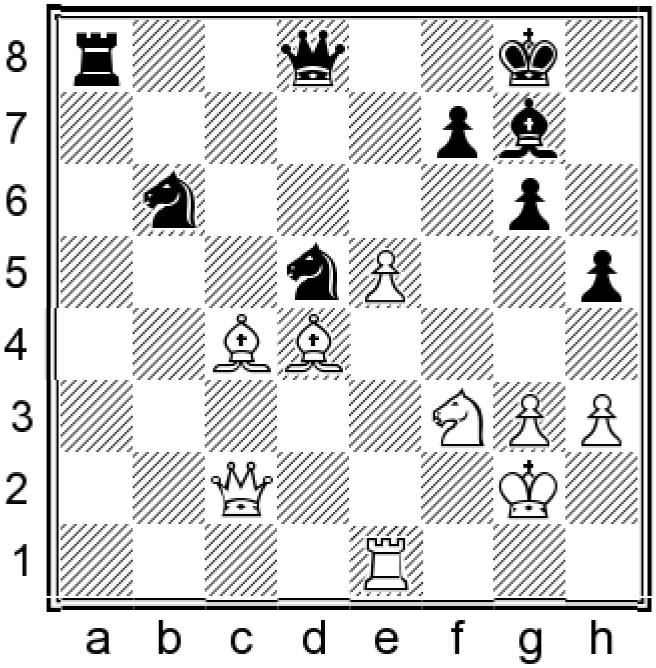
23...h5 24.♕d3 ♖xa1 25.♗xa1 ♖b8 26.♗c3 ♕d8 27.f4 ♘b6?!

27...b4 28.♗a1 (28.♗xf6 ♕xf6 29.♘c4 ♖a8 30.♔h1 (30.e5? dxe5 31.fxe5 ♖a2+!∓) 30...♖a2⇄) 28...♖a8 29.♘c4 ♖a2+ 30.♔g1 (30.♔h1? ♘xe4!) 30...♘b6! 31.♗xf6 ♗xf6 32.e5 ♘xc4 33.♕xc4 ♗g7=

28.♘f3 c4 29.bxc4 bxc4 30.♕c2 ♖a8?!

30...♕c7 31.♗xf6 ♗xf6 32.e5 dxe5 33.fxe5 ♘xd5 (33...♗g7 34.d6 ♕c6 35.e6!±) 34.exf6 c3 35.♕e4 ♖b2+ 36.♔h1 ♘xf6 37.♕e5 ♕xe5 38.♘xe5±

31.♗d4 ♘fd7 32.e5 dxe5 33.fxe5 ♘xd5 34.♗xc4 ♘7b6?



34...♘f8 35.♗c5 ♖c8 36.♗xf8 ♗xf8! (36...♕xf8? 37.♕d3 ♘b4 38.♕b3+-) (36...♔xf8 37.♕a2 ♖a8 38.♕d2 ♘e7 39.♕f4 ♕e8 40.g4±) 37.e6 ♔g7 38.exf7 ♕b6 39.♘e5 h4!⇄

35.♗xb6! ♘xb6 36.e6

36.♗b3 ♘d5 37.e6+-

36...♘xc4 37.exf7+ ♔xf7

37...♔h7 38.♕xc4+-

38.♕xc4+ ♔f8 39.♖f1 1-0

175. E12
Khotenashvili, Bela (2463) - Gvetadze, Sofio (2276)
Georgia 130/175, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.a3 ♗b7 5.♘c3 ♗e7

⌓5...d5

6.d5!± O-O!?

6...exd5?! 7.cxd5 O-O± - 30/5956...d6 7.e4 O-O 8.♗e2 c6!? 9.O-O±

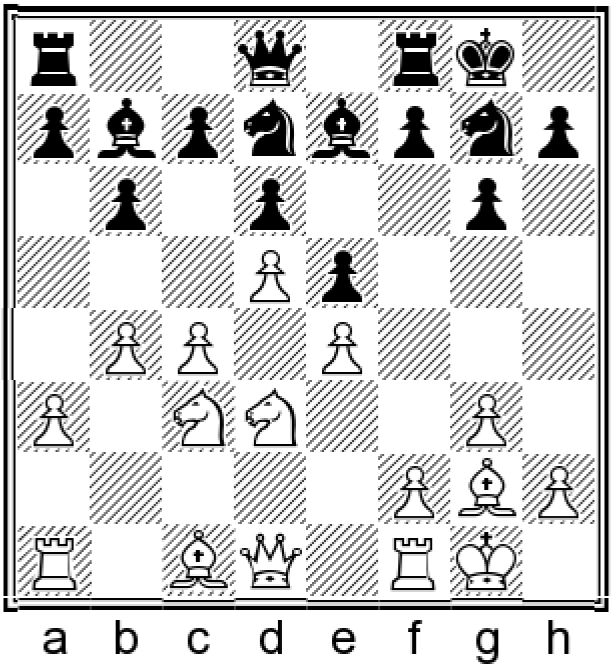
7.g3 d6!?

7...b5!? 8.e4∞ (8.cxb5? ♘xd5 9.♘xd5 ♗xd5 10.♗g2 a6∓) (8.♘xb5 exd5 9.cxd5 ♗xd5=) 8...b4! (8...♖e8!? 9.e5 (9.♗e2?! exd5 10.exd5 (10.cxd5?! b4! 11.axb4 ♗xb4↑) 10...bxc4=) 9...exd5 10.cxd5 (10.exf6? ♗xf6+ 11.♘e2 (11.♗e2 d4 12.O-O dxc3 13.bxc3 ♗xc3∓) 11...dxc4 12.♗g2 ♕e7∓) 10...♗d6 11.♗f4 ♗xe5 12.♗xe5±) 9.axb4 ♗xb4 10.♗d3 d6 11.O-O ♘bd7= ×c5

8.♗g2 e5

8...exd5 9.cxd5 c6!? 10.e4! (10.dxc6 ♘xc6∞) 10...cxd5 11.exd5 ♗a6 12.♘d4±

9.O-O ♘bd7 10.b4 ♘e8 11.e4 g6 12.♘e1 ♘g7 13.♘d3



13...a5!?N

13...a6

14.♗e3 ♗a6?!

⌓14...f5

15.♕b3

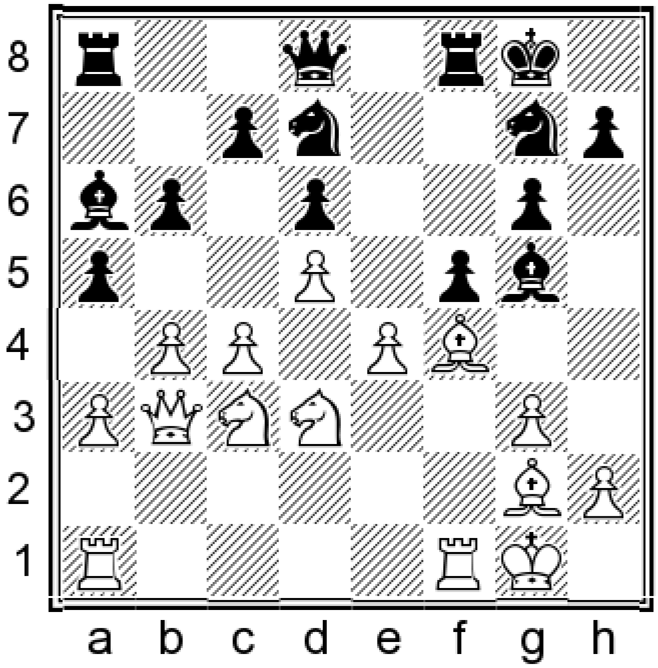
15.b5!? ♗c8! 16.♕d2 f5 17.♗h6 ♖f7 18.f4↑

15...f5!

15...♗g5 16.f4 exf4 17.gxf4 ♗h6 18.♖ae1±

16.f3 ♗g5! 17.♗f2

17.f4? exf4 18.♘xf4 (18.♗xf4



18...a4!! 19.♘xa4 (19.♕a2 ♕f6↑) 19...fxe4 20.♗xe4 b5!!↑) (18.gxf4 ♗f6↑) 18...♘e5 19.b5 ♗c8∞

17...♗f6?

17...♘f6!?

18.♖fd1

18.bxa5!? bxa5 19.♘b5±

18...f4→ 19.c5??

19.♘b5±19.bxa5±

19...♗xd3! 20.c6?

20.♖xd3 axb4 21.cxd6 ♘c5□ (21...bxc3?? 22.dxc7+-) 22.♗xc5 bxc5 23.dxc7 ♕xc7 24.d6+ c4 25.dxc7 cxb3 26.♘b5 b2 27.♖b1 bxa3 28.♖xa3 ♖xa3 29.♘xa3=20.cxd6 axb4! (20...♗a6? 21.b5 cxd6 (21...♗b7?? 22.dxc7+-) 22.bxa6 ♖xa6 23.♘a4±) 21.♖xd3 ♘c5 22.♗xc5 bxc5 23.dxc7 ♕xc7 24.d6+ c4!! 25.dxc7 cxb3 26.♘b5 b2=

20...♗a6! 21.cxd7 ♕xd7∓ 22.bxa5 bxa5 23.♖ab1 fxg3! 24.hxg3 ♗g5

24...h5!?→

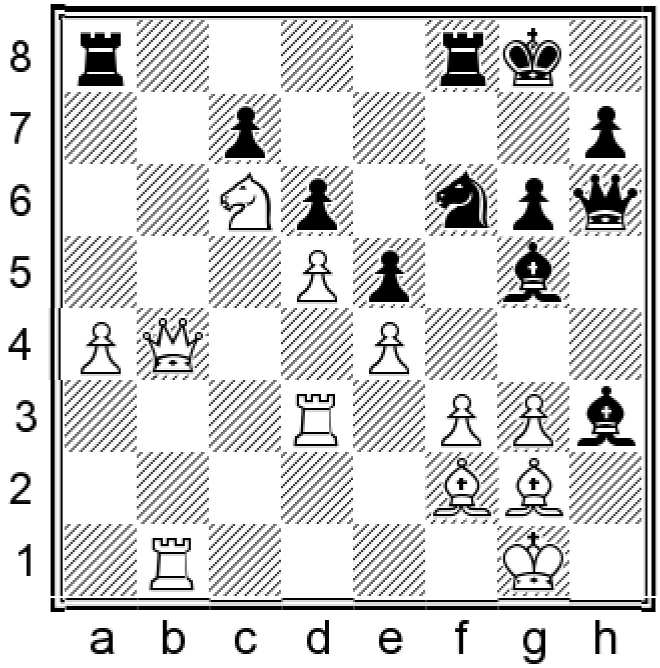
25.a4 ♘e8 26.♘b5 ♕g7 27.♕c3 ♗c8!→ 28.♘a7 ♗d7! 29.♕xa5 ♕h6 30.♖d3! ♘f6?! 31.♕b4?

31.♕xc7 ♗xa4 32.♖a3±

31...♗h3

31...♘g4 32.fxg4 ♖xf2 33.♔xf2 ♖f8+ 34.♖f3□ ♗e3+ 35.♔e2 ♖xf3 36.♗xf3 ♗xa7 37.♕d2 ♕h2+ 38.♔d3 ♕xg3 39.♖f1 ♗xg4 40.♕g5 ♕h3 41.♕d8+ ♔g7 42.♕xc7+ ♔g8 43.♕d8+=31...♘h5!!→

32.♘c6??



32.♕b2∞32.♕e1∞

32...♘g4!!-+ 33.fxg4 ♗xg2 34.♔xg2 ♖xf2+!! 35.♔xf2 ♕h2+ 36.♔e1 ♖f8!! 37.♘e7+ ♗xe7 38.♖d2 ♕xg3+ 39.♔d1 ♗g5 40.♖b3 ♗xd2 41.♖xg3 ♗xb4 42.♖b3 ♗a5 43.♖b5 ♖a8 0-1

176. E15
Lalic, Bogdan (2443) - Cornette, Matthieu (2599)
Kilkenny 130/176, 2016

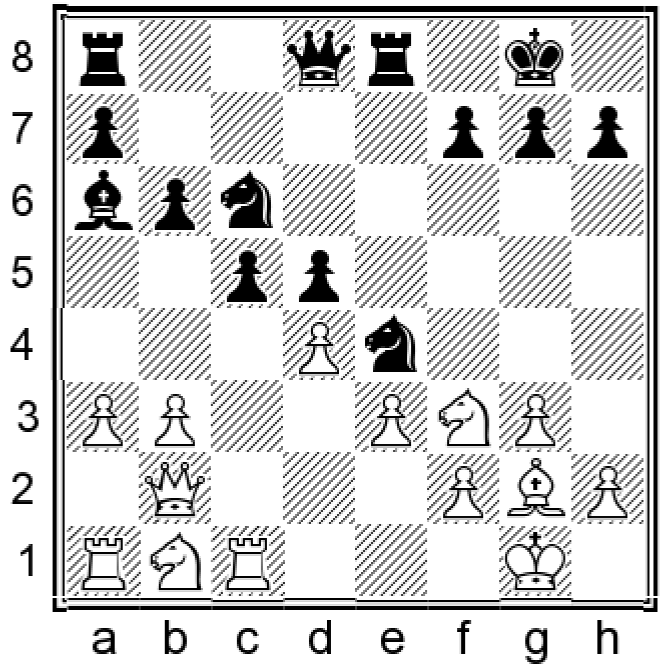
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♗b4+ 5.♗d2 ♗xd2+ 6.♕xd2 ♗a6 7.b3 O-O 8.♗g2 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.O-O c5 11.♖c1?!

11.♖d1 ♘c6 12.e3 ♘e4 13.♕b2 ♘b4 14.♘e1±11.♕b2 - 87/(443)

11...♘e4 12.♕b2 ♖e8N

12...♘c6

13.e3 ♘c6 14.a3?!



14.♘c3 ♘b4 15.♘e5=

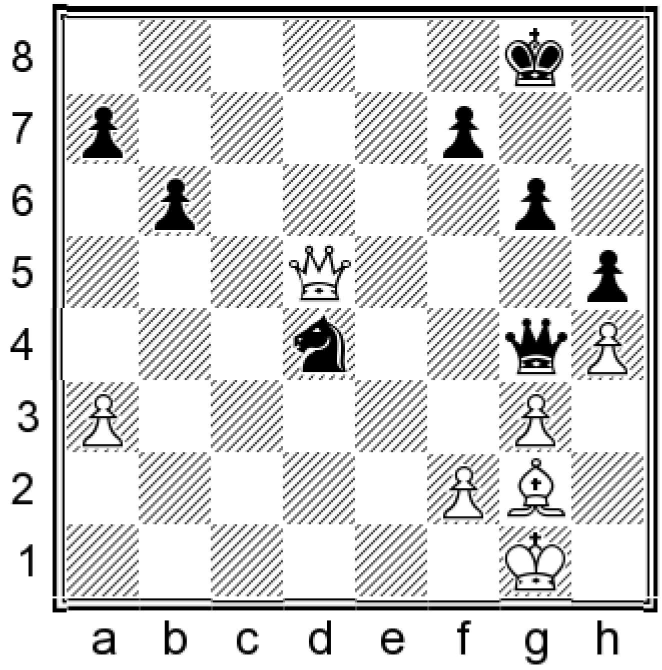
14...♕f6! 15.♘c3 ♖ad8∓ 16.dxc5 ♘xc5 17.♖d1 ♘d3↑ 18.♕c2 d4∓ 19.exd4 ♘xd4 20.♘xd4 ♖xd4 21.♘d5 ♕d6 22.♘e3 ♖c8 23.♕e2?

23.♕b1! g6 24.♖a2∓

23...♘c1!∓ 24.♕xa6 ♖xd1+ 25.♘xd1 ♕xd1+ 26.♗f1 ♖d8 27.♔g2 ♕d5+ 28.♔g1 ♘xb3 29.♖e1

29.♗c4? ♕d4 30.♖e1 ♘d2! 31.♗e2 g6 32.♕xa7 ♖e8-+

29...♘d4 30.♗g2 ♕d7 31.h4 g6 32.♕c4 h5 33.♖e5!? ♕g4 34.♕d3 ♘c6?⊕ 35.♖d5! ♖xd5 36.♕xd5 ♘d4



37.♕a8+?⊕

37.♔h2! ♘f5 38.♗e4 ♕e2 39.♔g1=

37...♔g7 38.♕xa7 ♘e2+ 39.♔f1

39.♔h2 ♕d4 40.♕a8 ♕xf2 41.♕f3 ♕g1+ 42.♔h3 ♕e1 43.♔h2∓

39...♕c4 40.♕xb6 ♘xg3+ 41.♔g1 ♘e2+ 42.♔f1□ ♘f4+ 43.♔g1 ♘xg2?! 44.♕b2+! ♔h7 45.♔xg2 ♕g4+ 46.♔f1 ♕xh4 47.♕b3! ♕h1+ 48.♔e2 ♕e4+ 49.♔f1 ♕f5?

⌓49...♔g7 50.a4 h4 51.♕c3+! (51.a5?? ♕h1+ 52.♔e2 ♕a1-+) 51...♔g8 52.a5 ♕h1+ 53.♔e2 ♕a8 54.♔f1 h3 55.♕xh3 ♕xa5∓

50.a4 h4 51.a5!= ♔g7

51...♕xa5 52.♕xf7+ ♔h6 53.♕f8+ ♔h5 54.♕f3+ ♔g5 55.♕e3+=

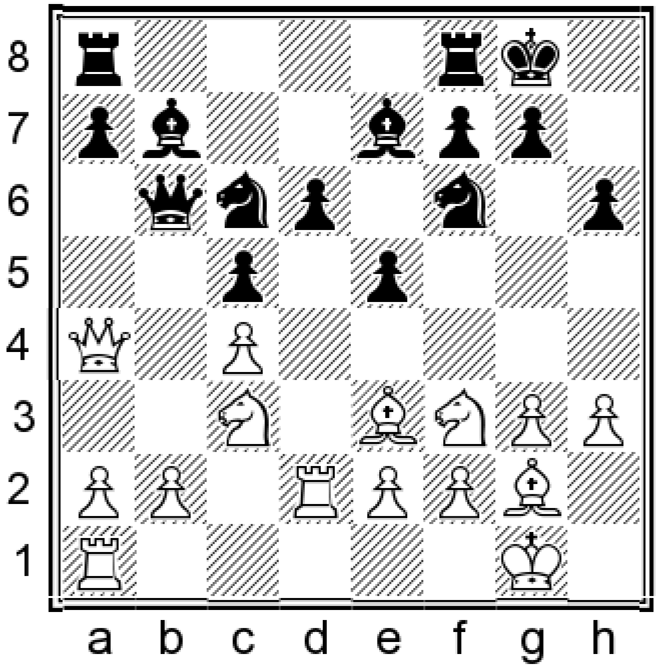
52.a6 ♕c5 53.♕b7 ♕c1+ 54.♔g2 ♕g5+ 55.♔h2 ♕f4+ 56.♔g2 ♕g4+ 1/2-1/2

177. E15
Kourousis, Epaminondas (2382) - Zakhartsov, Viacheslav V (2532)
Pardubice 130/177, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♗a6 5.♕a4 ♗b7 6.♗g2 c5 7.dxc5 bxc5 8.O-O ♗e7 9.♖d1 O-O 10.♗f4 ♕b6 11.♘c3 d6 12.♖d2 h6 13.h3

13.♖ad1 -103/370

13...e5 14.♗e3 ♘c6



15.♖b1N

15.♘h415.♕b5

15...♘d4 16.b4 ♗c6

16...♘e4? 17.bxc5 ♘xc3 18.♖xb6! ♗xf3 (18...♘xa4 19.♖xb7 ♘f5 20.♖xe7! ♘xe7 21.cxd6 ♘c6 22.♘e1+-) 19.♕d7

♘cxe2+ 20.♖xe2 ♘xe2+ 21.♔h2 ♗xg2 22.♖b3 ♗f6 23.♔xg2 dxc5 24.♗xc5+-

17.♕d1 ♕c7 18.bxc5 dxc5 19.♘b5 ♘xb5

19...♗xb5 20.cxb5 ♘f5 21.♕b3 c4 22.♕c3 ♘xe3 23.♕xe3 e4 24.♘d4 (24.♘h2 ♗c5 25.♕f4 ♕xf4 (25...♕e7 26.♖c2 ♖ac8∓) 26.gxf4 e3 27.♖c2 exf2+ 28.♔f1 ♖ac8∓) 24...♘d5 25.♕xe4 ♘c3 26.♕c6 ♕xc6 27.♘xc6 ♘xb1 28.♘xe7+ ♔h8 29.♖d7 ♖ab8∓

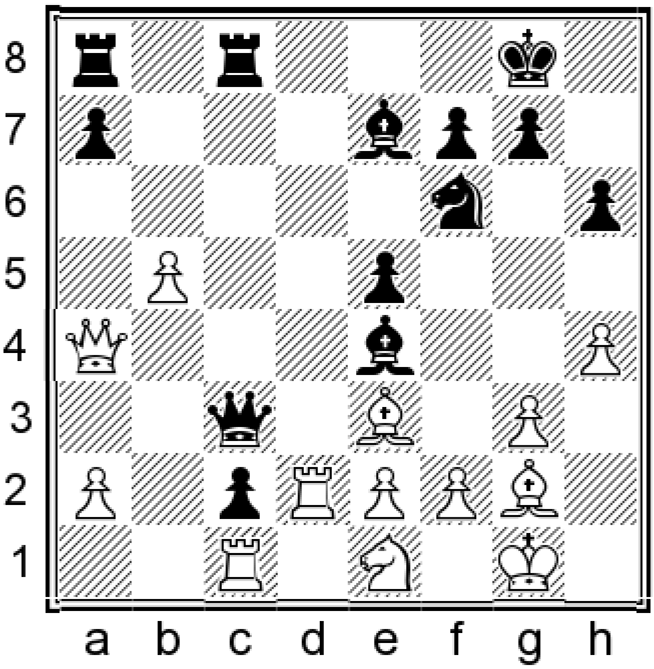
20.cxb5 ♗e4 21.♖c1 c4

21...♖fb8 22.♕b3 a6 23.a4 axb5 24.axb5 ♖a5 25.♖b2 ♖b6∓

22.♕a4 c3 23.♖dd1 ♖fc8 24.h4 c2 25.♖d2 ♕c3

25...♗c5!? 26.♖dxc2 (26.♗xc5 ♕xc5 27.♘g5! (27.♕b3 ♖ab8 28.a4 a6∓) 27...♗xg2 28.♔xg2 hxg5 29.hxg5 ♘e8 30.♖dxc2 ♕d5+ 31.e4 ♖xc2 (31...♕b7 32.♖xc8 ♖xc8 33.♖xc8 ♕xc8 34.♕xa7 ♘d6=) 32.exd5 ♖xc1 33.b6 a6 34.g6 fxg6 35.b7 ♖b8 36.♕xa6 ♖c7 37.♕e6+ ♔h7 38.♕h3+ ♔g8=) 26...♗xc2 27.♖xc2 ♕d6 28.♖xc5 ♖xc5 29.♗xc5 ♕xc5 30.♘xe5 ♖b8 31.♘d3 ♕xb5 32.♕xa7=

26.♘e1



26...♖c4

26...♗a3? 27.♖cxc2 ♗xc2 28.♘xc2 ♗c1 29.♖d3 ♕xc2 30.♕xc2 ♖xc2 31.♗xa8 ♗xe3 32.♖xe3 ♖xa2 33.♖xe5±26...♕a3! 27.♕xa3 ♗xa3 28.♖cxc2 ♗xc2 29.♗xa8 ♗a4 30.♗c6 ♗b4 31.♖d3! ♗xe1 32.♖a3 ♗c2 (32...♗xb5 33.♗xb5 a5) 33.♔f1 ♗b4 34.♖xa7 ♗f5 35.a4 ♗e6 36.a5 ♗d5 37.♗xd5 ♘xd5 38.b6 ♖b8 39.b7 ♔h7 (39...♘xe3+ 40.fxe3 ♗xa5 41.♖xa5 ♖xb7 42.♖xe5=) 40.a6 ♘c7=

27.♕b3 ♕xb3 28.axb3 ♖b4 29.♖dxc2 ♖xb5 30.♖c8+ ♖xc8 31.♖xc8+ ♔h7 32.♖c7 ♗b4

32...♗xg2 33.♔xg2 (33.♖xe7 ♗d5) 33...♘d5 34.♖xa7 ♖xb3=

33.♗xe4+ ♘xe4 34.♘d3 a5 35.♖xf7 ♗c3 36.♖e7 ♔g6?!

36...♖xb3 37.♔g2 (37.♘xe5 ♘xg3 38.fxg3 ♗b4∓) 37...♘f6 38.♖a7 ♘d5 39.♘c5 ♖a3=

37.g4

37.♔g2

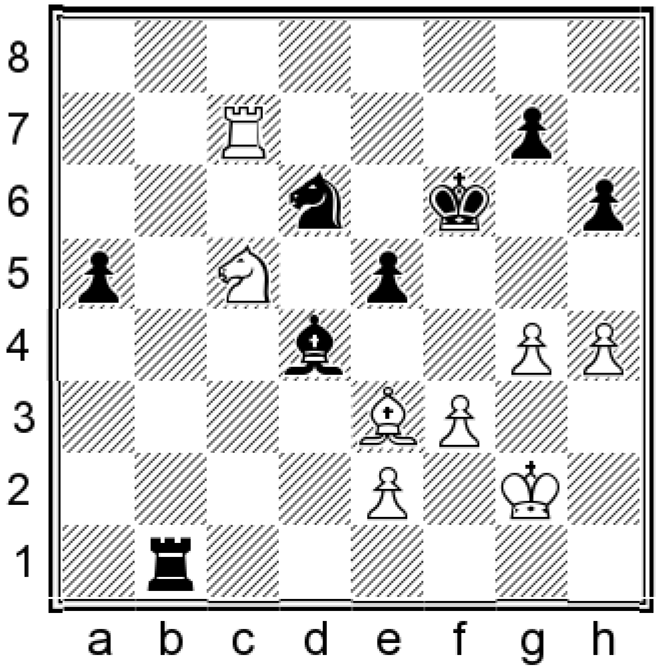
37...♔f6?!

37...♘f6 38.♖e6 ♖xb3 39.♘c5 ♖b1+ 40.♔g2 ♗d4 41.♗xd4 exd4±

38.♖c7 ♖xb3 39.f3 ♘d6 40.♖c6

40.g5+ hxg5 41.♘c1 ♖a3 42.♗xg5+ ♔f5! (42...♔g6? 43.♖c6 ♗b4 44.♗e7+-) 43.e4+ ♔g6 44.♗e7 (44.♖c6 ♗b4 45.♗e7 ♖xf3 46.♔g2 ♖f7 47.♗xd6 ♖f6 48.♘b3 a4 49.♖c4 ♗xd6 50.♖xa4 ♔h5∓) 44...♗b2 45.♗xd6 ♖a1 46.♔f2 ♖xc1 47.♖xc1 ♗xc1 48.♗xe5 ♗a3±

40...♔e7 41.♖c7+ ♔f6 42.♘c5 ♖b1+ 43.♔g2 ♗d4



44.♘d7+

44.g5+ hxg5 45.hxg5+ ♔f5 46.♗xd4 exd4 47.♖xg7 ♘c4 48.♘e4 a4 49.♘g3+ ♔f4 50.g6 ♘e3+ 51.♔h2 ♖b8 52.♖f7+ ♔g5 53.g7 ♖g8 54.♖a7 a3 55.♘e4+ ♔h6 56.♖xa3 ♖xg7±

44...♔e6 45.♗xd4 exd4 46.♘c5+ ♔f6 47.♘d7+ ♔e6 48.♘c5+ ♔f6 49.♘d7+ ♔e6 50.♘c5+ ♔e5 1/2-1/2

178. E18
Moroni, Luca Jr (2459) - Hamitevici, Vladimir (2489)
Baku (ol) 130/178, 2016

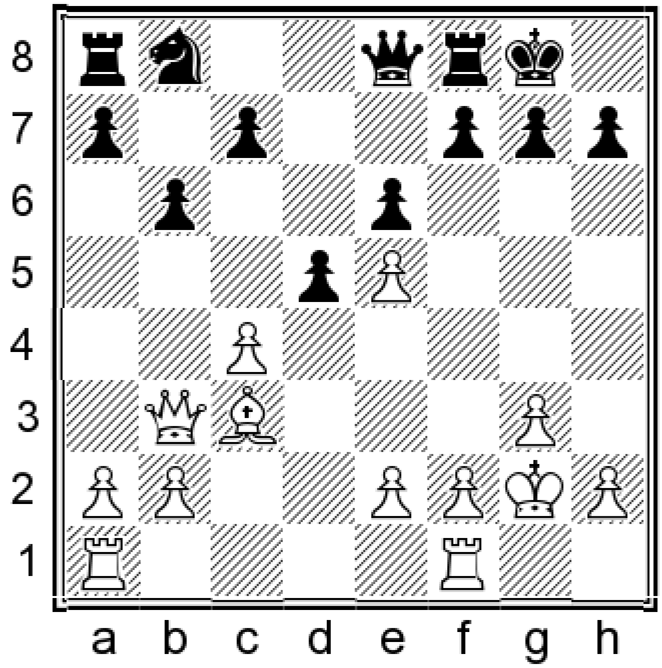
1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♗b7 5.♗g2 ♗e7 6.O-O O-O 7.♘c3 ♘e4 8.♗d2 ♗f6 9.♘e5 ♘xc3 10.♗xc3 ♗xg2 11.♔xg2 d5

11...c5 - 128/172

12.♕a4 ♕e8 13.♕b3N

13.♕xe8 ♖xe8 14.cxd5 exd5 15.♘d3±

13...♗xe5 14.dxe5



14...dxc4

14...♕c6!? 15.cxd5 exd5 16.♔g1 ♘a6∞

15.♕xc4 ♕c6+ 16.♕xc6 ♘xc6 17.♖fc1 ♖ac8 18.b4± ♖fd8 19.♖c2 ♘e7 20.♗d2 h6 21.♖ac1 c6 22.f4 ♖d5 23.♔f2 ♖cd8 24.♗e3 ♔f8 25.a4 ♔e8 26.g4↑ ♔d7

26...f6 27.exf6 gxf6 28.♖a1 h5 29.h3 ♖d1 30.♖cc1 ♖xc1 31.♖xc1 ♖d5 32.♔f3 ♔f7 33.♖a1±

27.♖a2 ♖b8 28.a5 ♔c7

28...♖b5 29.axb6 axb6 30.♖a7+ ♔e8 31.♖c4±

29.axb6+ axb6 30.♖a7+ ♖b7 31.♖a8 ♖d8 32.♖xd8 ♔xd8 33.h4 ♔c7 34.♖a1 ♔b8

34...c5!? 35.b5!↑ (35.bxc5 b5!⇄)

35.h5 ♖a7?!

35...♘d5 36.♗d2 c5 37.b5±

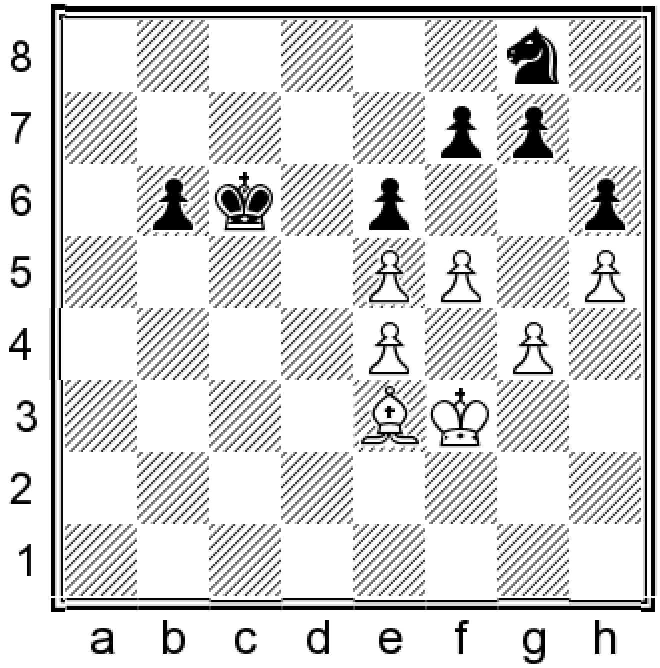
36.♖xa7 ♔xa7 37.♗d2 ♔a6 38.e4 ♔b5 39.f5 ♘g8

39...c5? 40.bxc5 bxc5 41.f6+-

40.♔f3 c5 41.bxc5 ♔xc5

41...exf5 42.exf5 ♔xc5 43.♔f4 f6 44.exf6 gxf6 (44...♘xf6 45.g5!+-) 45.♗e3+ ♔c6 46.♔e4 b5 47.♔d4 b4 (47...♔d6 48.♗d2 ♔c6 49.♗b4+-) 48.♗d2 b3 49.♗c1 ♘e7 50.♔c4!+-

42.♗e3+ ♔c6



43.f6! gxf6 44.♗xh6! fxe5

44...♘xh6! 45.exf6 b5 46.g5 b4 47.gxh6 b3 48.h7 b2 49.h8=Q b1=Q 50.♕e8+ ♔d6 51.♕xf7 ♔e5 52.♕c7+ ♔xf6 53.♕f4+ ♔g7± (53...♔e7 54.h6+-)

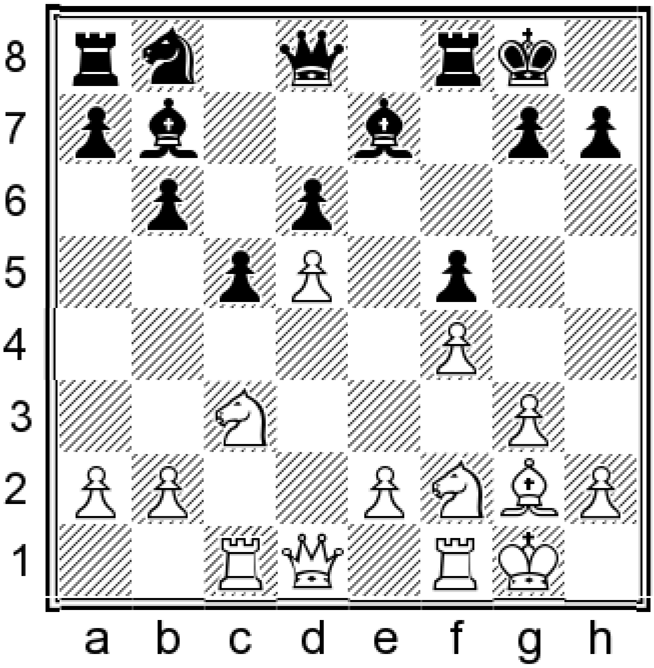
45.♗g7+- f6 46.h6 ♘xh6 47.♗xh6 ♔d7 48.♗g7 ♔e7 49.g5 fxg5 50.♗xe5 ♔f7 51.♔g4 ♔g6 52.♗c3 b5 53.e5 ♔h6 54.♗b4 ♔g6 55.♗d2 1-0

179. E18
Carlsen, Magnus (2857) - Cordova, Emilio (2638)
Baku (ol) 130/179, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.g3 ♗b7 5.♗g2 ♗e7 6.O-O O-O 7.♘c3 ♘e4 8.♗d2 ♗f6 9.♖c1 c5 10.d5 exd5 11.cxd5 ♘xd2 12.♘xd2 d6 13.♘de4 ♗e7 14.f4 f5

14...♘d7 - 97/388

15.♘f2



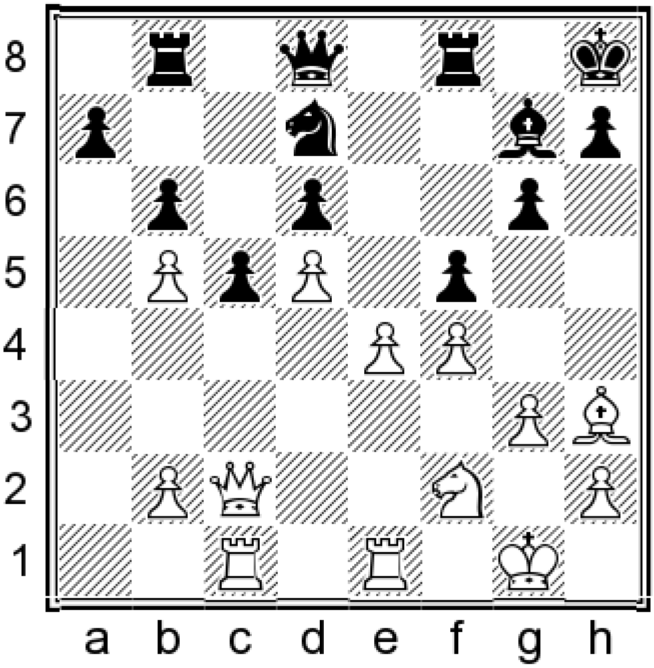
15...♗a6N

15...♘a6 16.e4 fxe4 17.♘fxe4 ♘c7 18.♖e1∞

16.a4

16.♖e1 b5 17.e4 b4 18.♘b1±

16...♗f6 17.♖e1 ♘d7 18.e3 ♖b8 19.♕c2 g6 20.♘b5 ♗xb5 21.axb5 ♗g7 22.♗h3 ♔h8 23.e4



23...g5! 24.fxg5

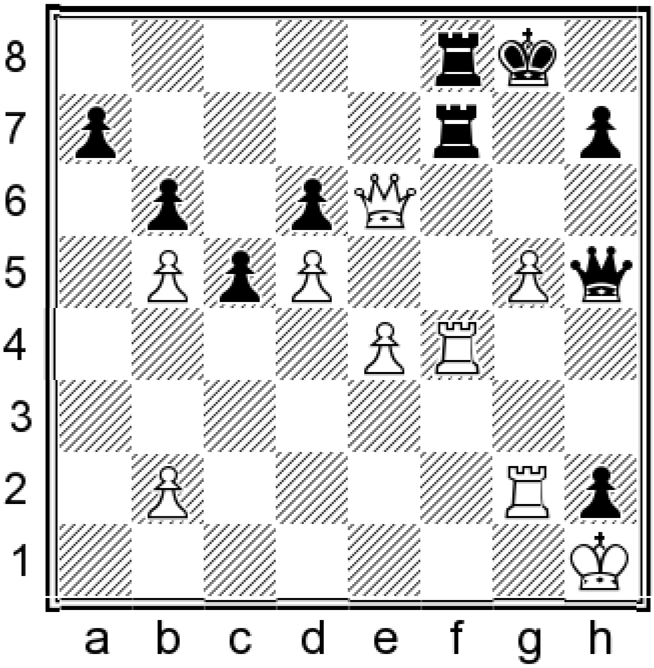
24.♗xf5 gxf4 25.gxf4 ♕h4! 26.♗xd7 ♗d4 27.♗f5 ♖xf5 28.exf5 ♗xf2+ 29.♕xf2 ♖g8+ 30.♔f1 ♕h3+ 31.♔e2 ♖g2∞

24...f4 25.♗f5 fxg3 26.♘h3 gxh2+ 27.♔h1 ♗e5 28.♕e2 ♖f7 29.♖c2 ♖g7 30.♖f1 ♕e8!? 31.♕d3 ♘f8 32.♖g2 ♘g6

33.♗xg6 ♕xg6 34.♘f4 ♗xf4 35.♖xf4 ♕h5 36.♕c3 ♔g8 37.♕f6 ♖f7??

37...♕g6 38.♕xg6 (38.♔xh2 ♕h5+ 39.♔g1 ♕d1+ 40.♖f1 ♕d4+=) 38...♖xg6 39.♔xh2 ♔g7=

38.♕e6+- ♖f8



39.♖gf2?

39.g6! ♕d1+ 40.♔xh2 ♕h5+ 41.♔g3 hxg6 42.♖gf2 g5 43.♖xf7 ♖xf7 44.♖xf7 ♕xf7 45.♕xd6+-

39...c4?

39...♔g7 40.♖xf7+ ♖xf7 41.♕h6+ ♕xh6 42.gxh6+ ♔g6 43.♖xf7 ♔xf7 44.♔xh2 ♔g6 45.♔g3 ♔g5!? (45...♔xh6 46.e5 ♔g6 47.e6 c4! 48.♔g4 h6 49.♔h4 ♔f6 50.♔h5 ♔g7=) 46.b3 ♔xh6 47.e5 ♔g7 48.e6 ♔g6 49.♔g4 h6 50.♔h4 ♔f6 51.♔h5 ♔g7 52.e7 ♔f7 53.♔xh6 ♔xe7 54.♔g6 ♔d7 55.♔f6 ♔d8 56.♔e6 ♔c7 57.♔e7 a6! 58.bxa6 b5=

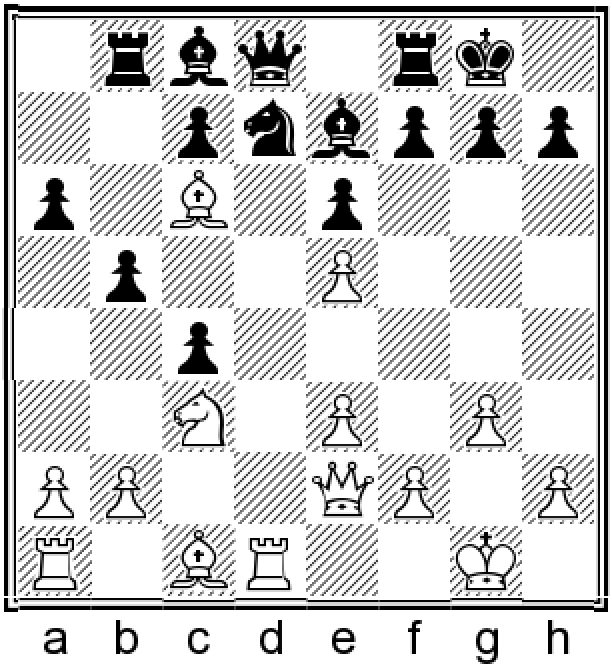
40.g6 ♕d1+ 41.♖f1 1-0

180. E20
Stupak, Kirill (2564) - Abdusattorov, Nodirbek (2395)
Saint Petersburg 130/180, 2016

1.c4 ♘f6 2.d4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.♗g2 ♗b4+ 5.♘c3 O-O 6.♘f3 dxc4 7.O-O ♘c6 8.e3 ♖b8 9.♕e2 b5 10.♖d1 ♗e7 11.♘e5!?N

11.e4 - 43/(688)

11...♘xe5 12.dxe5 ♘d7 13.♗c6 a6



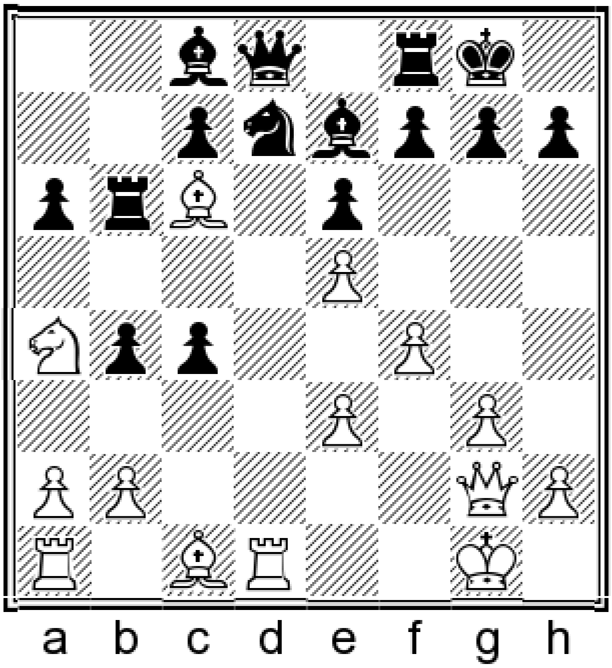
14.f4?!

14.♖d2! (Δ ♕d1) 14...b4 (14...♕e8 15.♕d1 ♖b6 16.♗xd7 ♗xd7 17.♖xd7 ♗d6 18.exd6 ♕xd7 19.dxc7 ♕xc7 20.♕e2±) 15.♘e4 c3 16.♖d4 (16.bxc3 bxc3 17.♘xc3 ♗b4=) 16...♖b6 17.♗xd7 ♗xd7 18.♕d1 c2! (18...f5 19.exf6 ♗d6 20.bxc3±) 19.♕d2 ♗b5 20.♖xd8 ♖xd8 21.♕xc2 ♖c6! 22.♘c3 bxc3 23.bxc3 ♗d3=∞

14...♖b6 15.♕g2?

15.♗g2 ♗b7∓

15...b4 16.♘a4?!



16.♘e2 ♖xc6! 17.♕xc6 ♘xe5 18.♖xd8 ♘xc6 19.♖xf8+ ♔xf8∓

16...♖xc6! 17.♕xc6 ♘xe5 18.♖xd8 ♘xc6∓ 19.♖d1

19.♖xf8+ ♔xf8 20.a3 ♘a5 21.axb4 ♘b3 22.♖b1 ♗b7 23.♘c3 ♗xb4 24.e4∓

19...e5! 20.e4 ♗g4 21.♖d5 ♗e6 22.♖d1 ♗g4 23.♖d5 ♗e6 24.♖d1 ♘d4 25.fxe5

25.♗e3!? ♘c2 26.♗c5 ♗xc5+ 27.♘xc5 ♘xa1 28.♖xa1

25...♘f3+ 26.♔g2 ♘xe5 27.♗f4 f6

27...♘d3!? 28.♗xc7 f5

28.♗e3

28.♖d4!?

28...♘d3 29.b3 f5 30.bxc4 fxe4-+ 31.♖d2 ♗xc4 32.♖ad1 ♗b5 33.♘b2 c5 34.♖c2 ♘xb2 35.♖xb2 ♗d3 36.a3 a5 37.axb4 axb4 0-1

181. E32
Laznicka, Viktor (2651) - Tomashevsky, Evgeny (2731)
Baku (ol) 130/181, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 O-O 5.a3 ♗xc3+ 6.♕xc3 d6 7.f3 d5 8.cxd5

8.♗g5 - 111/273

8...exd5 9.e3 a5N

9...♗f5

10.♗d2 b6 11.♖c1 c6 12.♗d3 ♗a6 13.♘e2

13.♗xa6 ♖xa6 14.♘e2 ♖a7 15.O-O ♖e8 16.♖fe1±

13...♗xd3

13...c5!?

14.♕xd3 ♕d7 15.O-O ♘a6 16.♗e1 c5 17.♗h4 c4 18.♕d2 ♘e8 19.e4± ♘ac7 20.a4 ♘d6 21.♘c3 b5 22.axb5 ♘dxb5 23.exd5

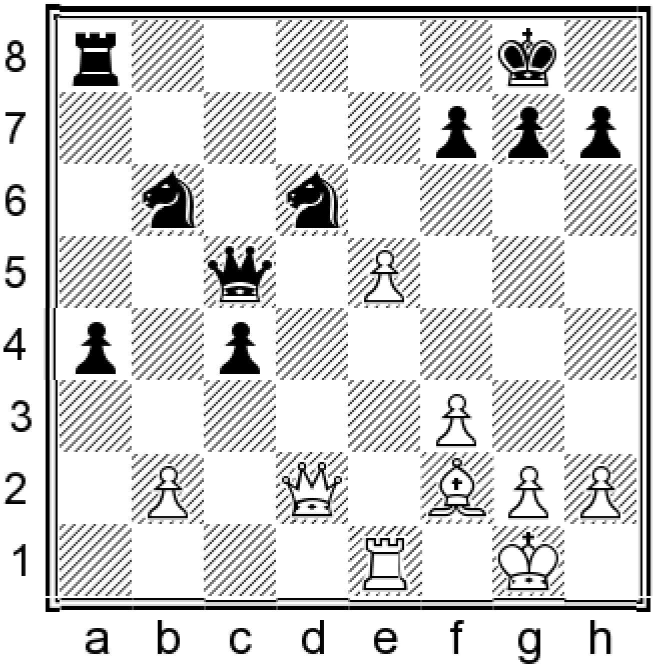
23.♘a4!?

23...♘xd5 24.♘e4 ♕c6 25.♘c5 ♘b6

25...♖fe8!?

26.♖fe1 ♖fe8 27.♖e4 a4!= 28.♖ce1 ♘d6 29.♖e5 h6

29...♖xe5 30.dxe5 ♕xc5+ 31.♗f2

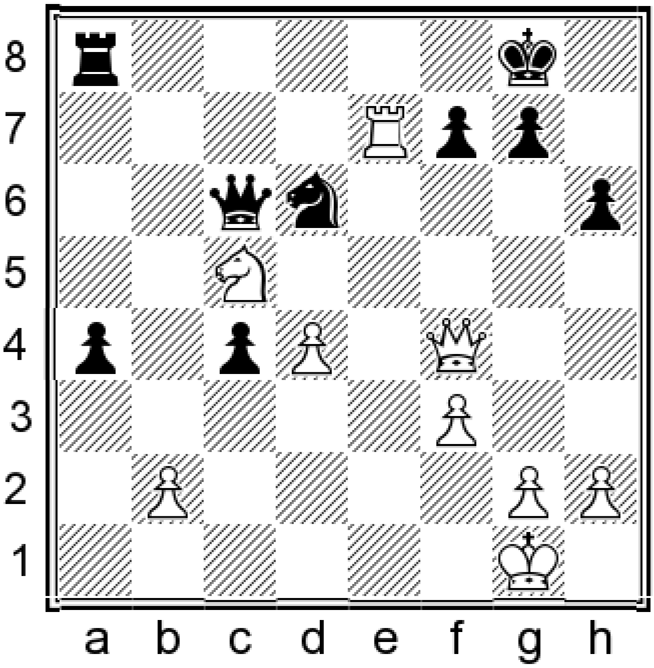


31...c3! 32.♕xd6 ♕xd6 33.exd6 cxb2 34.♗xb6 a3 35.♗d4=

30.♗e7 ♘bc8 31.♕f4?

31.♕c3 ♖xe7 32.♖xe7 ♘xe7 33.♖xe7 ♖d8 34.♕a5 ♖a8 35.♕c3 ♖d8=31.♗xd6 ♘xd6 32.♖xe8+ ♘xe8=

31...♘xe7 32.♖xe7 ♖xe7 33.♖xe7



33...c3!-+ 34.bxc3 a3 35.♖e1

35.♕c1 a2 36.♕a1 ♘b5 37.♖e3 ♕d5

35...a2 36.♖a1 ♕b5! 37.♕c1 ♕e2 38.♘b3 ♘c4 39.♕e1 ♕b2 0-1

182. E33

L'Ami, Erwin (2611) - Adhiban, Baskaran (2671)
Baku (ol) 130/182, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♕c2 ♘c6 5.♘f3 d6 6.♗d2 ♕e7 7.a3 ♗xc3 8.♗xc3 a5 9.e3 O-O 10.♗d3

10.♗e2 - 103/379

10...h6N

10...e5

11.O-O e5 12.d5

12.♘d2!? d5 13.dxe5 ♘xe5 14.♗e2±

12...♘b8 13.♘d2 a4 14.f4! ♘bd7 15.♖ae1± ♖e8

15...♘c5 16.fxe5 dxe5 17.♗b4±

16.♗f5

16.♘e4 ♘xe4 17.♗xe4 ♘f6 18.♗f3±

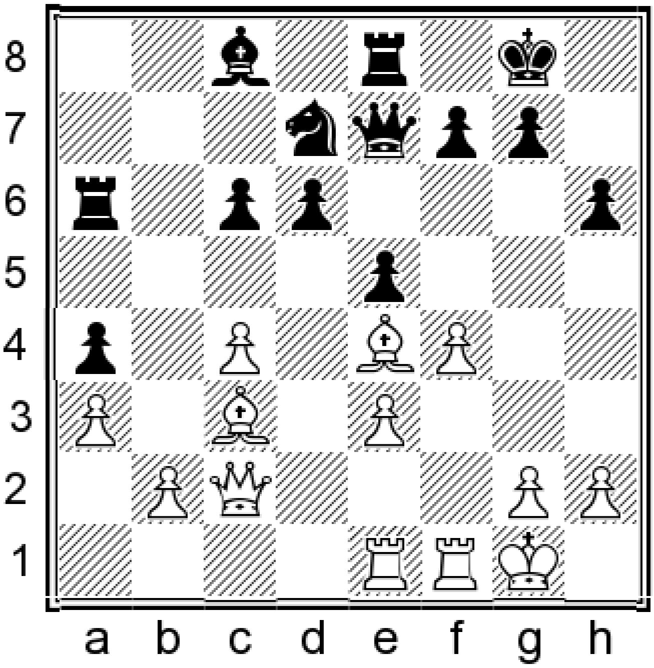
16...c6

16...e4 17.♗xd7 ♗xd7 18.f5 b5∞

17.dxc6

17.♘e4 cxd5 (17...♘xe4 18.♗xe4 ♘f6 19.fxe5 ♘xe4 20.♕xe4 dxe5 21.♖d1↑) 18.♗xd7 ♘xd7 19.cxd5 b6 20.♘g3↑

17...bxc6 18.♘e4 ♘xe4 19.♗xe4 ♖a6



20.♖d1?!

20.c5! dxc5 (20...♘xc5 21.♗h7+ ♔h8 22.fxe5 ♘b7 23.exd6 ♘xd6 24.♗d3±) (20...d5 21.♗h7+ ♔h8 22.fxe5±) 21.h3 c4 22.♕e2 ♘c5 23.♕xc4 ♘xe4 24.♕xe4±

20...♘f6 21.♗f3 c5!= 22.♖xd6?!

22.fxe5 dxe5 23.♗d5 ♘xd5 24.cxd5 e4=

22...♖xd6 23.fxe5 ♖d7

⌓23...♖dd8 24.exf6 ♕xe3+ 25.♖f2 g6∓

24.exf6 ♕xe3+ 25.♔h1

25.♖f2

25...♕d3! 26.♕xd3 ♖xd3 27.fxg7 ♗a6 28.♗c6 ♖e2

28...♖ee3! 29.♗d5?? ♖xd5

29.♗d5 ♖e7 30.♗f6 ♖e8 31.♖c1

31.♗d4 ♖e7 (31...♖xd4 32.♗xf7+ ♔xg7 33.♗xe8 ♗xc4 34.♖c1 ♗b3=∞) 32.♗f6 ♖e8=

31...♖e2 32.♔g1 ♖ed2 33.♗f3 ♖e3 34.♗c3 ♖d6 35.♗d5 ♖e7 36.♖d1??

36.♖b1 ♗c8 (36...♗b7 37.b4=) 37.h3 ♗e6 38.♖e1 ♖e8 39.♔f2 ♖ed8 40.♗xe6 ♖xe6 41.♖xe6 fxe6=

36...♗xc4 37.♗f3

37.♗xf7+?? ♖xf7 38.♖xd6 ♖f1#

37...♖xd1+ 38.♗xd1 ♗b5-+ 39.♗f3 ♖e6 40.♔f2 ♗c6 41.♗g4 ♖d6 42.♗e5?!

42.g3

42...♖d2+ 43.♔e3 ♖xg2 44.h3 h5 45.♗d1 h4 46.♔f4 ♗d7 47.♗f3 ♖g1 48.♗f6 ♖f1! 49.♔e3 ♗xh3 50.♗xh4 ♔xg7 51.♗c6 ♖b1 52.♗xa4 ♖xb2 53.♗e7 c4 54.♗b4 ♔g6 55.♔d4 ♗e6 56.♔c3 ♖a2 57.♗c6 f5 58.a4 f4 59.a5 ♔f5 60.♗b7 ♔e5 61.a6 ♗d5 62.♗c5 f3 63.♗d4+ ♔d6 64.♗xd5 ♔xd5 65.a7 ♔c6 66.♔xc4 ♔b7 0-1

183. E43
Li, Chao (2746) - Anand, Viswanathan (2776)
Moscow 130/183, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.♘f3 b6 5.e3 ♘e4 6.♕c2 ♗b7 7.♗d3 ♗xc3+ 8.bxc3 f5 9.O-O O-O 10.♘d2 ♘xd2 11.♗xd2 ♕h4 12.f3 d6 13.a4!?

13.♖ae1 - 125/182

13...♘c6 14.g3!?

14.e4 f4 (14...fxe4 15.♗xe4 ♘a5=) 15.♗e1 (15.c5 dxc5 16.dxc5 ♘e5 17.♗e2∞) 15...♕h5 16.♗f2 ♖f6∞

14...♕h5 15.e4 ♘a5

15...fxe4 16.♗xe4 (16.fxe4 e5 17.c5 exd4 18.cxd4∞) 16...♘a5=

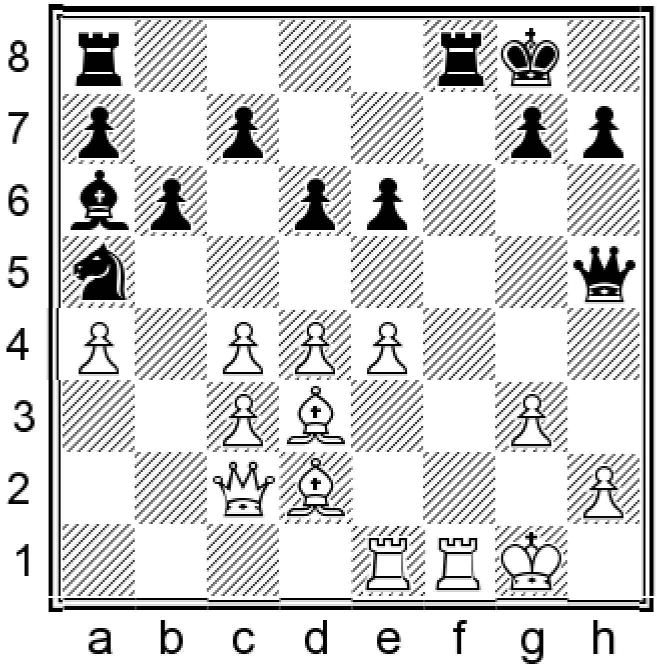
16.♖ae1

16.♗f4?! e5 17.♗d2 f4∓

16...fxe4

16...♗a6!? 17.exf5 exf5 18.♖e7 ♗xc4 19.♖xc7 d5 20.♗f4 ♖f7 21.♖xf7 ♕xf7∞

17.fxe4 ♗a6



18.♗f4! ♗xc4

18...e5 19.♗c1⇄ Δ ♖f5

19.♗xc4 ♘xc4 20.♕b3 d5 21.♕b5≅ ♖ac8

21...♕e8 22.exd5 ♕xb5 23.axb5 exd5 24.♖e7 ♖f7 25.♖xf7 ♔xf7 26.♗xc7+ ♔e6 27.♖a1!=

22.♕c6 ♖fe8

22...♕e8 23.exd5 ♕xc6 24.dxc6 ♖f6 25.g4 ♘a5 26.g5 ♖f5 27.♖xe6 ♖cf8 28.♖e4 ♘xc6 29.♖f2=

23.♖f2 ♘a5 24.♕d7 ♕f7

24...dxe4?! 25.♗xc7 ♘c4 (25...♕d5?? 26.♕f7+ ♔h8 27.♗e5 ♖g8 28.♖f4+-) 26.♖xe4 ♕d5 27.♕f7+ ♔h8 28.♖ff4±

25.♕xf7+ ♔xf7 26.♗xc7+ ♔g8 27.♗f4 ♘c4 28.♖fe2 ♔f7 29.♖f2 ♔g8 30.♖fe2 ♔f7 31.♖f2 1/2-1/2

184. E46
Mchedlishvili, Mikheil (2609) - Berkes, Ferenc (2640)
Baku (ol) 130/184, 2016

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 e6 3.d4 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♘e2 c6 6.a3 ♗a5 7.♕c2

7.b4 - 110/294

7...d5 8.♘g3 ♘bd7 9.♗e2 dxc4 10.♗xc4 e5 11.O-O ♗c7 12.♗a2 ♖e8!?

12...exd4

13.♖d1N

13.d5 cxd5 14.♗xd5!? (14.♘xd5 ♘xd5 15.♗xd5 ♘f6 16.♗a2 ♗e6) 14...♘xd5 15.♘xd5 ♗b8 16.♖d1 ♘b6 17.♘c3 ♕e7 18.e4±13.dxe5

13...exd4 14.♖xd4!?

14.exd4 ♘b6 15.♗g5 ♗xg3 16.hxg3 ♗e6 17.♗b1 ♘bd7=

14...♕e7

14...g6 15.b4 ♗e5 16.♖d3±

15.♘f5

15.♘ce4!? ♘b6 (15...c5 16.♘f5 ♕e5 17.♗xf7+□ ♔xf7 (17...♔h8 18.♘ed6 cxd4 19.♕xc7 ♖f8 20.♗d2↑) 18.♘g5+ ♔f8 (18...♔g8? 19.♕b3+) 19.f4 ♕xf5 20.♕xf5 cxd4 21.♘e6+ ♖xe6 22.♕xe6±) 16.♗d2 ♘bd5 17.♘xf6+ ♘xf6 18.♗b4 ♕e5 19.♗c3 ♕g5 20.♖ad1±

15...♕e5 16.f4 ♕c5 17.b4

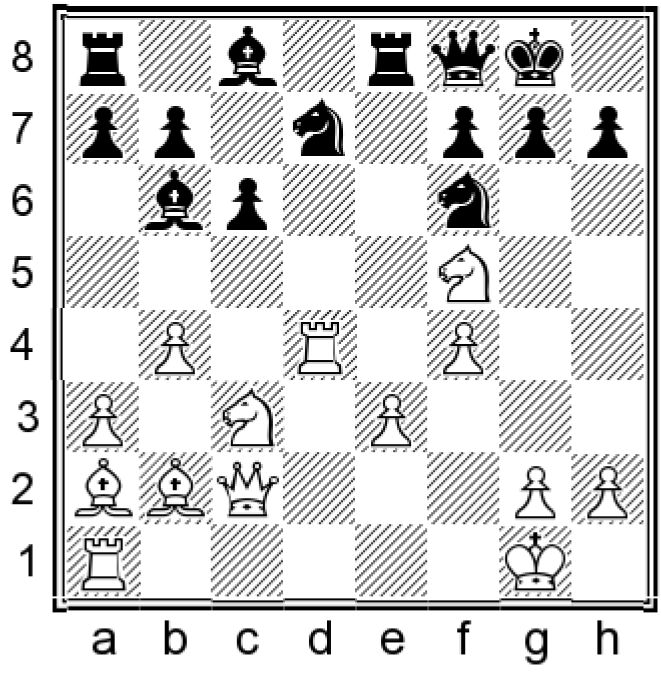
17.♘d6 ♗xd6 18.b4 ♕h5 19.♖xd6 ♘b6∞

17...♕f8 18.♗b2

18.♘b5? ♗b6 19.♘bd6 ♗xd4 20.♗xf7+ ♔h8 21.exd4 ♖e1+ 22.♔f2 ♖e7∓

18...♘b6

18...♗b6



19.♖e4! (19.♖d3 ♘g4) 19...♘g4 (19...♘xe4? 20.♘xe4) 20.h3 ♘xe3 21.♘xe3 ♗xe3+ 22.♔h1 ♘f6 23.♖xe8 ♘xe8 24.♖e1⯹

19.♖e1! ♗xf5

19...a5 20.b5 (20.♗b1 g6 21.♘g3 axb4 22.axb4∞) 20...♗e6 21.bxc6 bxc6 22.♘e4 ♘xe4 23.♘xg7 ♗xa2 (23...♕xg7 24.♖xe4 ♕h6 25.♕xc6→) 24.♘xe8 ♖xe8 25.♖xe4 ♖xe4 26.♕xe4 ♗d5∞

20.♕xf5 ♖ad8 21.♖xd8 ♗xd8

21...♖xd8 22.♘e4 ♘xe4 23.♕xe4± Δ♖d2?! 24.♗b1 g6 25.♗c3

22.♕d3

22.g3!? ♘bd7 23.♕d3±

22...c5?

22...a5 23.b5 (23.bxa5 ♘bd7 24.a6 ♘c5) 23...♗e7 24.bxc6 bxc6 25.♘e2 ♗c5 26.♘d4±

23.bxc5

23.♘b5!? c4 24.♗xc4 ♘xc4 25.♕xc4 ♗b6 26.♗d4±

23...♕xc5 24.♘b5 ♗e7 25.♖c1 ♕h5 26.♗xf6 gxf6

⌓26...♗xf6 27.♖c7 ♖d8 28.♘d6 ♕a5 29.♔f2 ♘d5 30.♘xf7 ♕xc7 31.♘xd8 ♕xd8 32.♗xd5+±

27.♘d4+- ♖c8 28.♖xc8+ ♘xc8 29.♘f5 ♗f8 30.h3 ♕g6 31.♕d7 ♘b6 32.♕e8 1-0

E50-E99

185. E56
Riazantsev, Alexander (2651) - Bocharov, Dmitry (2611)
Russia (ch) 130/185, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 e6 3.♘c3 ♗b4 4.e3 O-O 5.♗d3 d5 6.♘f3 c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.dxc5 ♗xc5 9.O-O ♘c6 10.h3 a6 11.b3 d4

11...♕e7 - 114/195

12.exd4

12.♘a4 ♗a7

12...♘xd4 13.♗b2 ♘e6N

13...♗a713...♗f5!?

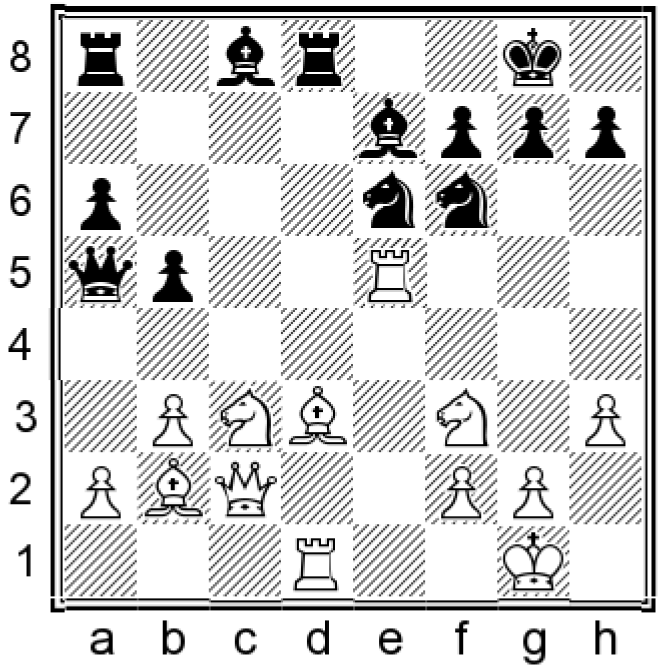
14.♘e4 ♗e7

⌓14...♘xe4 15.♗xe4 ♕xd1 16.♖fxd1±↑

15.♕c2! ♘d5 16.♘c3± ♘f6

16...♘b4 17.♗xh7+ ♔h8 18.♕b1± (18.♕e4!?±)

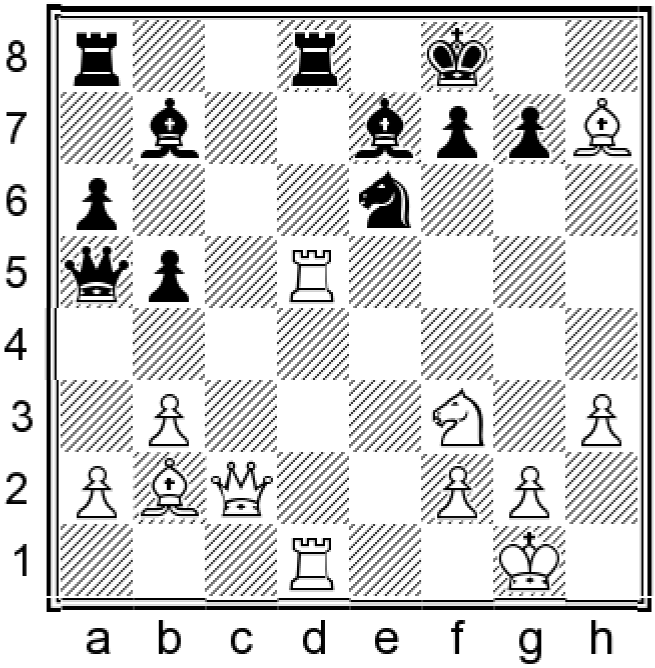
17.♖ad1 ♕a5 18.♖fe1 ♖d8 19.♖e5 b5



19...♕c7 20.♘d5! ♖xd5 (20...♕xc2 21.♘xe7+ ♔f8 22.♗xc2 ♖xd1+ 23.♗xd1 ♔xe7 24.♗a3+ ♔e8 25.♘d4+-) (20...♘xd5 21.♗xh7+ ♔f8 22.♖exd5±) 21.♕xc7 ♘xc7 22.♖xe7±

20.♘d5! ♘xd5 21.♗xh7+ ♔f8 22.♖exd5 ♖xd5?

22...♗b7



23.♗e4! ♗xd5 (23...♖ac8 24.♖h5!?±) 24.♗xd5± Δ♖ac8?! 25.♕h7 ♗f6 26.♗xf6 gxf6 27.♘h4+-

23.♖xd5 ♝b7 24.♖f5!+- ♖c8

24...♗xf3 25.♖xf7+ ♔xf7 26.♕g6+ ♔f8 27.♕xe6

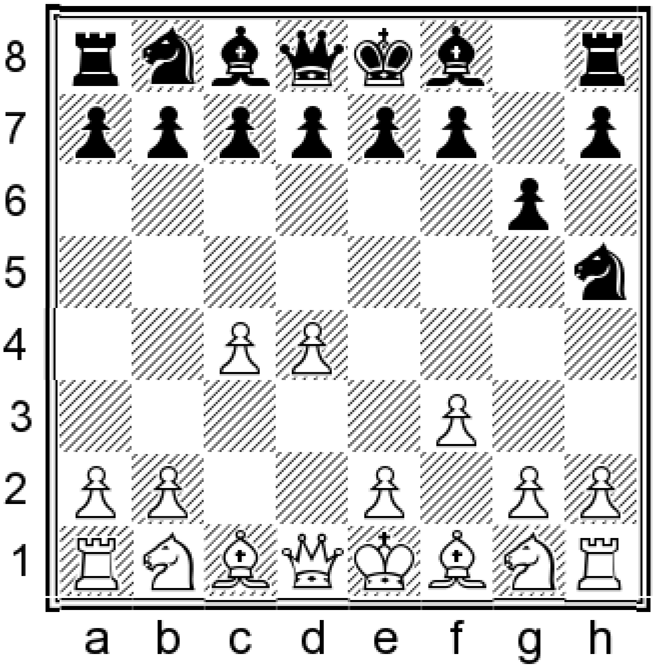
25.♖xf7+! ♚xf7 26.♕g6+ ♚f8 27.♕xe6 ♝f6

27...♔e8 28.♗g6+ ♔d8 29.♗f5

28.♗g6 1-0

186.* !N E60**
Vocaturo, Daniele (2600) - Gledura, Benjamin (2585)
Bastia (open) 130/186, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 ♘h5!?



3...c5 - 128/87

4.g4

4.e4 e5 5.♗e3 ♗b4+N (5...exd4) (5...d6) 6.♘c3 exd4 7.♕xd4 O-O 8.O-O-O ♘c6 9.♕d2 d6 10.g4 ♘g7 11.a3 ♗a5 12.♕c2 (12.♔b1 ♗e6 (12...♗b6 13.h4↑) 13.h4 ♘e5 14.♗d4± (14.h5!?)) 12...♗b6 13.♗xb6 axb6 14.h4 ♘e5 15.♔b1 f5 16.exf5 gxf5 17.g5 f4∞ Sviridov,V (2517)-Fedoseev,V (2665) Russia 130/ (186) 2016

4...e5 5.♘h3N

5.gxh5 '?!' Arsovic,Zoran. 5...♗b4+!N (5...♕h4+) 6.♔f2 (6.♘c3 ♕h4+ 7.♔d2 exd4∓) 6...♕h4+ 7.♔e3 d5! 8.cxd5 ♗f5 9.♘c3 Khodashenas,M (2405)-Mosadeghpour,M (2437) Iran 130/(186) 2016 (9.♘c3 ♗c2! 10.♕d2 (10.♕xc2 ♕xd4#) 10...f5-+ (10...♗f8-+))5.♗e3 ♘g7 6.dxe5 ♘c6 7.♘c3 ♗e7 8.♘h3 ♘xe5 9.♕d4 ♗h4+ 10.♘f2 d6 11.♘e4 (11.O-O-O O-O 12.c5 f5↑ 13.cxd6 cxd6↑) 11...f5 12.f4 ♘e6 13.♕c3 fxe4 14.fxe5 O-O∓ Brendel,O (2333)-Troff,K (2501) Atlantic City 130/(186) 2016

5...♘g7 6.dxe5

6.♘c3 exd4 (6...d6!?) 7.♕xd4 ♘c6 8.♕e4+ ♘e6 9.♗g5 f6 10.♗e3 ♗b4∞

6...♘c6 7.♗f4

7.♘f2 d6 8.exd6 ♗xd6 9.♘c3 ♗e6 10.♗h6 O-O=∞

7...♘e6 8.♗g3 h5!

8...♗g7 9.f4 (9.♘c3 ♘xe5 10.e4 d6∞) 9...d6 (9...♘c5 10.♘c3 d6 11.♘f2 ♗e6∞) 10.♘c3 dxe5 11.♕xd8+ ♘cxd8∞

9.gxh5?!

9.♘c3 hxg4 10.fxg4 ♗g7 11.♕d5 b6 (11...♘b4 12.♕d1 ♘c6=) 12.♕e4 ♗b7 13.♗g2 (13.♘d5 ♘c5 14.♕e3 ♘b4 15.O-O-O ♘xd5 16.cxd5 ♕e7∓) 13...♖xh3! 14.♗xh3 ♘g5 15.♕g2 ♘a5 16.e4 ♕e7=∞

9...♖xh5 10.f4 d6! 11.exd6?!

11.♘c3 dxe5 (11...♘ed4!?) 12.♕xd8+ ♘exd8 13.♘d5 ♗b4+ 14.♔f2 ♔f8 15.♘g5 (15.♘xc7? ♖b8 16.♘g5 ♗d6-+)

15...exf4 16.♗xf4 ♘e6 17.♘xe6+ ♗xe6 18.♘xc7 ♖d8 19.♘xe6+ fxe6 20.h4 ♖d4⯹

11...♗xd6

11...♕xd6! 12.♘c3 (12.♕xd6 ♗xd6 13.e3 ♘b4 14.♘a3 ♗d7∓) 12...♕b4 13.♖b1 ♗g7∓

12.♘c3 ♕f6 13.e3?!

13.♗g2 ♗b4 14.♖c1 ♗d7 15.e3 O-O-O⯹

13...♗b4 14.♖c1 ♘c5 15.♘f2 ♗f5∓ 16.♗g2 ♖d8 17.♕f3

17.♗d5 ♘e7∓

17...♗d3 18.♗f1 ♘e5! 19.♕g2 ♗xf1 20.♔xf1 ♘xc4-+ 21.♔g1 ♘xb2 22.♘g4 ♕e6 23.f5 ♖xf5 24.♘b5 ♘a6

24...♕c4! 25.♕xb2 ♕xg4-+

25.♘d4 ♖xd4! 26.exd4 ♘d3 27.♖d1 ♘f4 28.♕xb7 ♕e2 29.♘f2 ♔f8 30.h4 ♘h5 31.♕c8+ ♔g7 32.♗e5+ ♖xe5

32...f6-+

33.dxe5 ♗e1 34.♖xe1 ♕xe1+ 35.♔g2 ♘f4+ 36.♔f3 ♕e2+! 37.♔xf4

37.♔g3 ♕e3+ 38.♔g4 ♘h5-+

37...♕xf2+ 38.♔e4 ♘c5+ 39.♔d5 ♘e6 40.♔c4 ♕c5+ 0-1

187. E60
Nakamura, Hikaru (2787) - Bok, Benjamin (2594)
Douglas 130/187, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 e6 4.e4 c5 5.d5 d6 6.♘e2 ♗g7 7.♘ec3 a6 8.a4 ♘h5 9.♗e3 exd5 10.cxd5 f5 11.exf5

11.♕d2 - 124/(191)

11...gxf5 12.♕d2 O-O 13.♗e2 ♘d7 14.O-O f4N

14...♘e5

15.♗f2 ♕g5 16.g4?!

16.♘e4 ♕g6 17.♘bc3 ♘e5 18.♔h1 ♗f5⇄

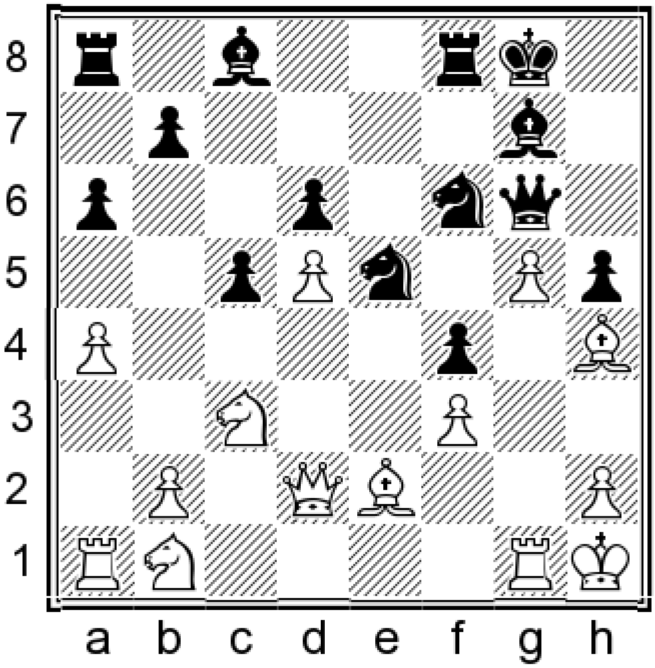
16...♘e5! 17.♔h1 ♘f6 18.♖g1

18.h4?! ♕g6 19.♖g1 h5 20.g5 (20.gxh5 ♕f5 21.♖g5 ♕h3+ 22.♔g1 ♔h8∓) 20...♕f5 21.♖g2 ♘fg4! 22.♗g1 (22.fxg4 hxg4-+) 22...♘e3∓

18...♕g6 19.♗h4 h5

19...♘fxg4! 20.fxg4 f3 21.♗f1 f2 22.♗xf2 ♗xg4→

20.g5?!



20.gxh5 ♕xh5 21.♕xf4 (21.♕e1?! ♗f5 (21...♘d3 22.♗xd3 ♕xf3+ 23.♖g2 ♗h3 24.♗f1 ♖ae8 25.♕f2 ♗xg2+ (25...♕xf2 26.♖xf2 ♖e1 27.♖xf4 ♖xf1+ (27...♖c1!?) 28.♖xf1 ♗xf1 29.♘d2 ♗d3∓) 26.♕xg2 ♕h5 27.♗xf6 ♖xf6 28.♘d2 ♖e3∓) 22.♘d2 ♔h8∓) 21...♘fg4! 22.fxg4 (22.♕g3 ♘xf3 23.♗xf3 ♖xf3 24.♕xf3 ♕xh4 25.♕g3 ♕h6∓) 22...♖xf4 23.gxh5 ♖xh4 24.♘d2 ♔h8⯹

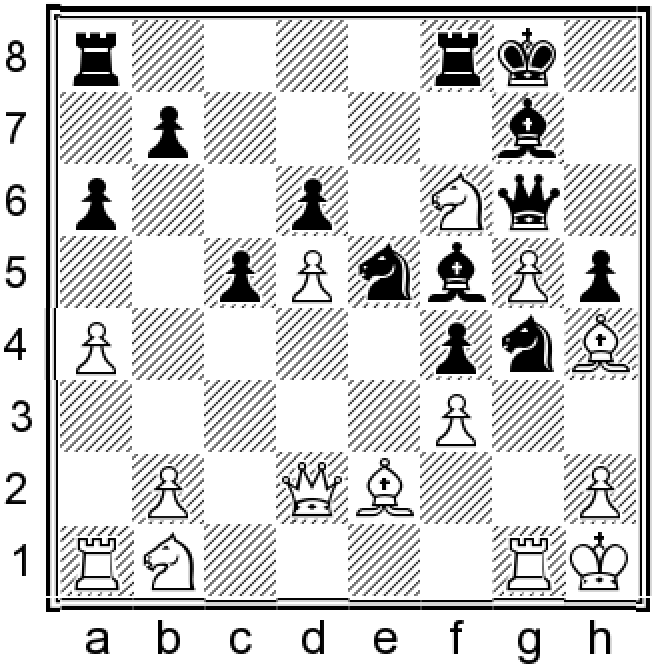
20...♘fg4! 21.♘e4

21.fxg4? hxg4∓

21...♗f5

21...♘xf3!? 22.♗xf3 ♘e5 23.♗g2 (23.♘f6+? ♗xf6 24.gxf6 ♕xg1+! 25.♔xg1 ♘xf3+-+) 23...f3 24.♘f6+ ♗xf6 25.gxf6 fxg2+ 26.♕xg2 (26.♖xg2 ♗g4-+) 26...♕xg2+ 27.♖xg2+ ♗g4 28.h3 ♘g6! 29.hxg4 ♘xh4 30.♖g3 ♖xf6∓

22.♘f6+?!



22.♘bc3 ♘e3 23.♘f6+ ♔h8 24.a5 ♗h3∓

22...♖xf6! 23.gxf6 ♗xf6 24.♘c3 ♗xh4-+ 25.♖af1

25.fxg4 ♗e4+ 26.♘xe4 ♕xe4+ 27.♖g2 hxg4-+

25...♗g5 26.h4 ♗h6 27.fxg4 hxg4 28.♖xf4 ♕h5 29.♖g2 ♕xh4+ 30.♔g1

30.♖h2 ♕g5-+

30...♘g6 31.♖xf5 ♗xd2 32.♖xg4 ♗xc3 33.bxc3

33.♖xh4 ♘xh4 34.♖f4 ♗d4+-+

33...♕e1+ 34.♗f1 ♔g7 35.♖fg5 ♕b1 0-1

188. E60
Hammer, Jon Ludvig (2651) - Nakamura, Hikaru (2789)
Baku (ol) 130/188, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘f3 ♗g7 4.g3 O-O 5.♗g2 d6 6.O-O c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.♘e5 ♕c7 9.♘d3 ♗e6

9...♗f5 - 81/(447)

10.♗f4?!

10.♘a3! ♘c6 (10...♕c8 11.♗e3 ♗h3 12.♗xc5±) (10...♗f5 11.♗e3 a6 12.♕b3 (12.♘xc5 ♘g4) 12...♗xd3 13.exd3 ♘g4 14.♗xb7 ♖a7 15.♗g2 ♘xe3 16.fxe3 ♘c6=) 11.♘xc5 ♗f5 12.♘a4=∞ (12.e4 ♗g4 13.f3 ♖ad8 14.♕e1 ♘d7=∞)

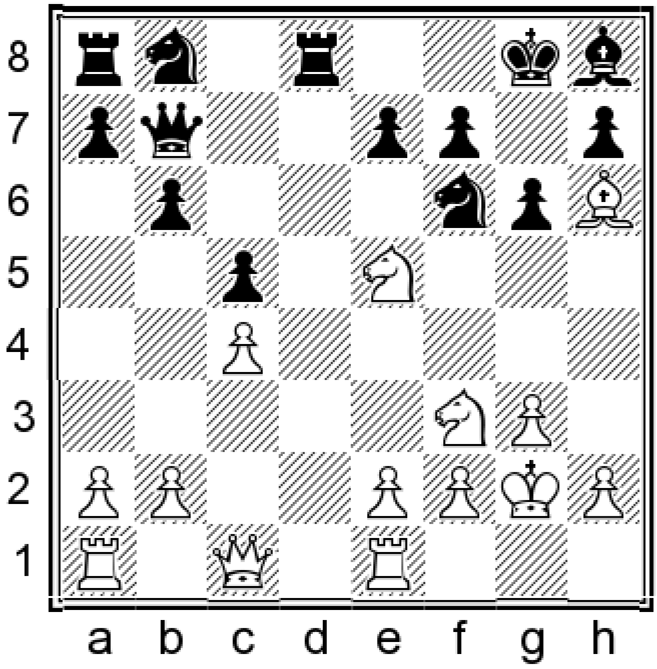
10...♕c8 11.♘d2N

11.♕a4 ♗h3 12.♘c3 ♗xg2 13.♔xg2 b6=11.♗e3

11...♗h3∓ 12.♘f3 ♗xg2 13.♔xg2 b6 14.♖e1

14.♗xb8 ♕xb8 15.♘de5 ♕c7∓

14...♕b7 15.♕c1 ♖d8! 16.♗h6 ♗h8 17.♘e5



17.h4 ♘c6∓

17...♘e4! 18.♕f4

18.♕c2 f6 19.♖ad1 ♘a6∓

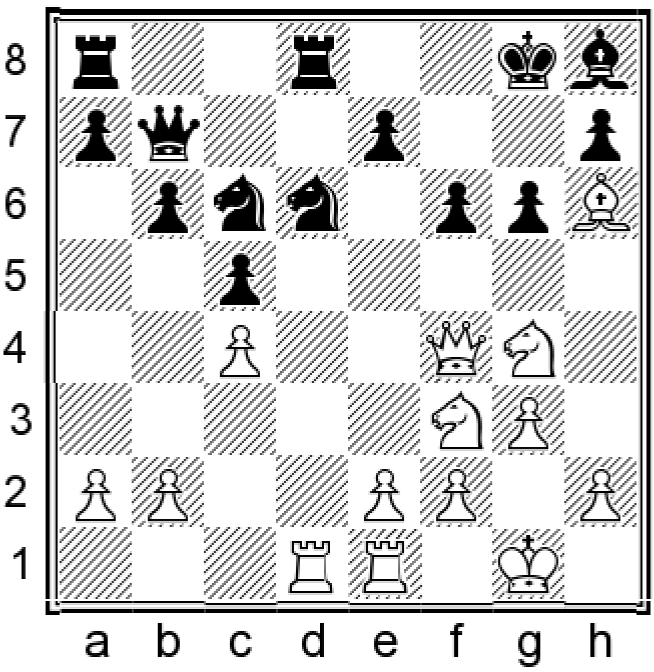
18...f6 19.♖ad1

19.♕g4 f5 20.♕f4 ♘c6∓

19...♘d6! 20.♘g4

20.♕g4 ♕c8 21.♖xd6□ (21.♕xc8 ♖xc8 22.♘d3 ♘xc4∓) 21...exd6 22.♕e4 dxe5 (22...d5 23.cxd5 ♕b7 (23...fxe5? 24.d6±) 24.♘c4 (24.♘c6 ♘xc6 25.dxc6 ♕f7∓) 24...♕xd5 25.♖d1!) 23.♕xa8 ♕d7 24.♕e4 f5 25.♕b1 e4 26.♘d2 ♘c6 27.♘f1∓

20...♘c6 21.♔g1



21.e4 ♘f7∓

21...♘f7!-+ 22.h3

22.♕c1 f5-+22.♘e3 ♘d4-+

22...f5 23.♘gh2

23.♘e3 ♗xb2-+

23...e5 24.♕c1 e4 25.♘h4 ♖xd1 26.♖xd1 ♘d4 27.♖e1 ♕a6 28.♗e3

28.a3 ♘xh6 29.♕xh6 ♕xc4-+28.g4 ♗f6 29.gxf5 ♗xh4 30.fxg6 hxg6 31.♕f4 ♘f5 32.♕xe4 ♖d8-+

28...♕xa2 29.g4 ♗f6 30.♘g2 ♘e6 31.gxf5 gxf5 32.♘f1 0-1

189. E60
Kramnik, Vladimir (2808) - Vocaturo, Daniele (2583)
Baku (ol) 130/189, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.♘f3 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 O-O 5.O-O d6 6.b3 e5 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.♗a3 ♕xd1 9.♖xd1 ♖e8 10.c4 e4 11.♘d4 c6 12.♘c3 ♘a6

12...♘bd7 - 85/(461)

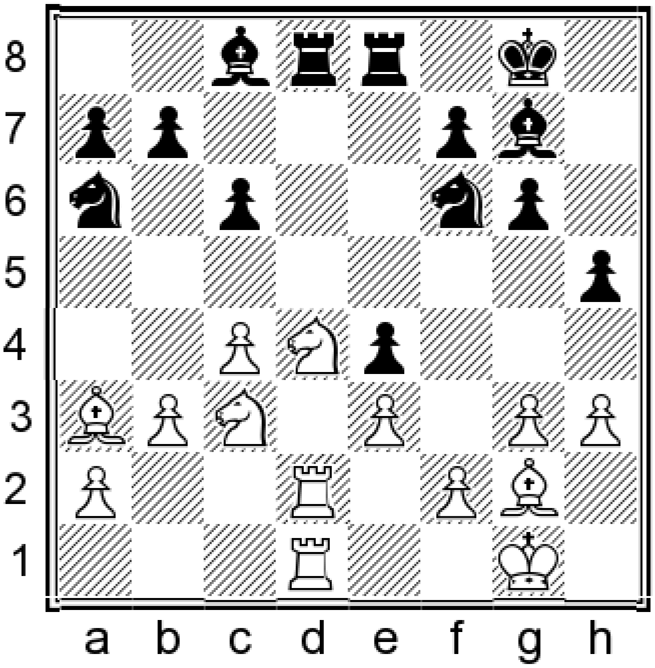
13.e3N

13.♖ab1

13...♗g4

13...♗f8 14.♗xf8 ♔xf8 15.h3 h5 16.♖d2±

14.♖d2 ♖ad8 15.h3 ♗c8 16.♖ad1± h5



17.♗e7! ♖xd4

17...♖xe7? 18.♘xc6 ♖xd2 (18...♖dd7 19.♘xe7+ ♖xe7 20.♖d8+ ♖e8 21.♘xe4 ♔f8 22.♘xf6 ♗xf6 23.♖xc8! ♖xc8 24.♗xb7+-) 19.♘xe7+ ♔f8 20.♘xc8+-

18.♖xd4 ♖xe7 19.♖d8+ ♘e8

19...♖e8 20.♘xe4 ♔f8 21.♖xe8+ ♘xe8 22.♖d8 ♗e6 23.♘d6 ♔e7 24.♘xb7±

20.♘xe4 ♗e6

20...♗f5?! 21.♘d6 ♔f8 22.♘xf5 gxf5 23.h4± ×h5

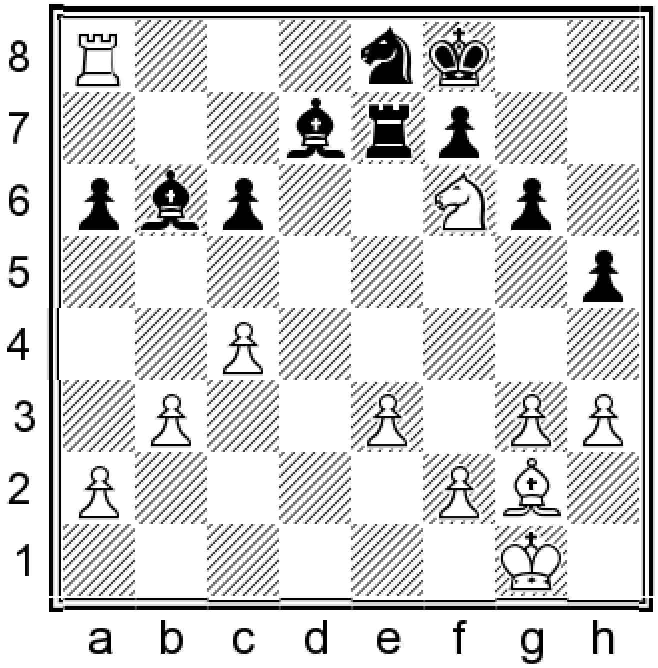
21.♖a8 ♗e5 22.♖dd8

22.♘g5 ♔g7 (22...♔f8 23.♘xe6+ fxe6 24.♖dd8±) 23.♘xe6+ fxe6 (23...♖xe6 24.♖xa7±) 24.a3 ♔f7 25.b4±

22...♔f8 23.♖xa7 ♗c7?!

23...♗f5 24.♘g5 f6 (24...♗c7 25.♖da8 ♗b6 26.♖xa6 bxa6 27.♖xa6 ♗c5 28.♖xc6±) 25.♘f3 ♗c7 26.♖da8 ♗b6 27.♖xa6 bxa6 28.♖xa6 ♖b7 29.b4±

24.♖da8 ♗b6 25.♖xa6 bxa6 26.♘f6 ♗d7



27.b4! c5 28.♘d5 ♗c6 29.♖xa6 ♗xd5 30.♗xd5 ♗d8 31.b5+- ♖d7 32.b6 ♔e7 33.b7 ♗c7 34.♖a8 ♘f6 35.♖c8 ♗d6 36.♗c6 ♖d8 37.a4 ♘d7 38.a5 ♗b8 39.a6 ♘e5 40.♖xb8! ♖xb8 41.♗d5 1-0

190. * * **E61**
Gelfand, Boris (2743) - Giri, Anish (2755)
Moscow 130/190, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 O-O 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.e3 d6 7.♘ge2 e5

7...♗d7 8.O-O a6 9.b3 ♖b8 10.a4 a5 11.h3 e5 12.♔h2N (12.♗b2 - 5/52) 12...♖e8 13.d5 ♘b4 14.e4 ♘a6 15.♗e3 ♘c5 16.♖b1 b6 17.♘c1 h5 18.♘d3 ♘xd3 19.♕xd3 h4 20.♕d2 ♘h7 21.g4 ♗f6 22.♘e2 ♕e7 23.♘c1 ♗g5= Wang,H (2717) - Zhao,J (2613) Ho Chi Minh City 130/(190) 2016

8.O-O exd4 9.exd4 ♘e7

9...♗f5 10.h3 h5 11.f3 (11.b3 - 55/556) 11...♘h7N (11...d5) 12.g4 ♗d7 13.♗e3 hxg4 14.fxg4! f5 15.gxf5 ♗xf5 16.♘g3 ♗d7 17.♖xf8+ ♘xf8 18.♔h2 ♕h4 19.♘ce4 ♖e8∞ Lei,T (2504)-Dzagnidze,N (2535) China 130/(190) 2016

10.♗f4N

10.h310.b3

10...♘f5 11.♕c1

11.h3 c6 12.g4 ♘e7 13.♕d3 d5 14.b3 h5∞

11...♖e8 12.h3 c6 13.g4 ♘e7 14.♗h6 d5 15.c5 b6 16.cxb6

16.b4 ♗a6 17.♖e1 ♗c4∞

16...axb6 17.♖e1 ♗h8

17...♗a6 18.♗xg7 ♔xg7 19.♘g3 ♕d6∞

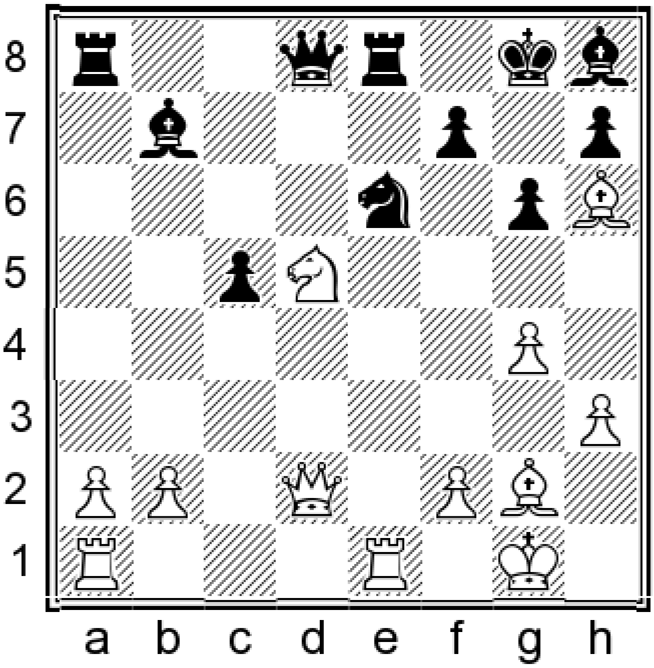
18.♕f4 ♘d7 19.♕d2 ♘f8 20.♘f4 ♘e6 21.♘ce2

21.♘xe6 ♗xe6=

21...c5!? 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.♘xd5

23.♘c3 ♖a6 (23...♖a7!?) 24.♖ac1 (24.♘cxd5 ♘xd5 25.♘xd5 ♗b7⩱) (24.♘fxd5 ♖d6 25.♘xe7+ ♖xe7 26.♕c2 ♗b7⯹) 24...♕a5 (24...♘xf4 25.♗xf4 ♗e6 26.♘xd5) (24...d4 25.♘e4) 25.♘fxd5 ♘xd5 26.♕xd5 (26.♘xd5 ♕xd2 27.♗xd2 ♖xa2 28.♖xc5 ♗d7=) 26...♗d4⯹

23...♗b7 24.♘ec3 ♘xd5 25.♘xd5



25...♗d4!

25...♖a6!? 26.♖ad1 ♗d4 27.♗g5 ♘xg5 28.♖xe8+ ♕xe8 29.♕xg5 ♗xd5 30.♕xd5 ♕e7⯹

26.♘c3

26.♘f4 ♗xg2 27.♔xg2 ♕b6⩱

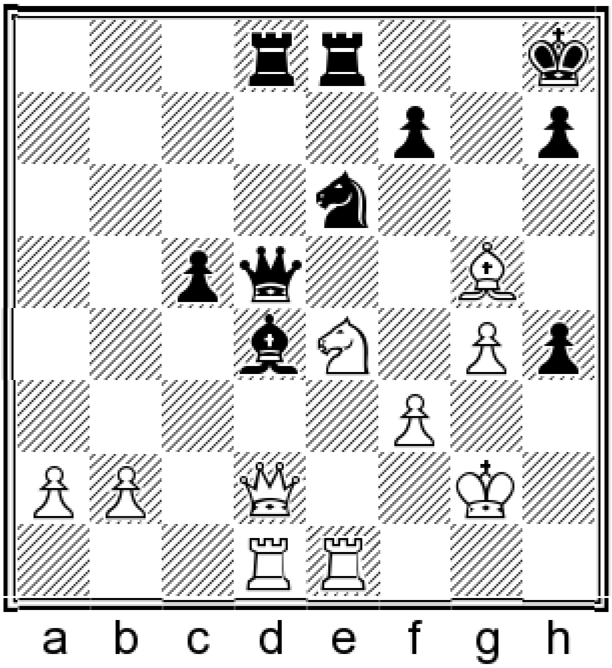
26...♗xg2 27.♔xg2 g5 28.h4?!

28.♖xe6 ♖xe6 29.♗xg5 ♕b6⩱

28...gxh4 29.♘e4 ♕d5 30.f3 ♖ad8

30...♔h8 31.♘c3 ♕b7∓

31.♖ad1 ♔h8 32.♗g5



32...f5! 33.♗xd8 ♖xd8 34.gxf5?

34.♘g5 h3+! 35.♔h2 (35.♘xh3 fxg4-+) 35...♗e5+ 36.♔h1 ♕xd2 37.♖xd2 ♖xd2 38.♘xe6 ♗g3 39.♖b1 fxg4 40.fxg4 ♖h2+ 41.♔g1 ♖e2∓34.♕h6 fxe4 35.♖xe4 h3+! 36.♔h1 (36.♕xh3? ♕xe4 37.fxe4 ♘f4+-+) 36...♖d6∓

34...♕xf5-+ 35.♔h1 ♖g8 36.♖f1 ♗e5 0-1

191. E62
Nyback, Tomi (2580) - Rakhmanov, Alexander (2654)
Suomi 130/191, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 d6 3.♘f3 g6 4.g3 ♗g7 5.♗g2 c6 6.O-O O-O 7.♘c3 ♗f5 8.♘e1 ♗e6 9.b3 d5

9...♕d7 - 52/(585)

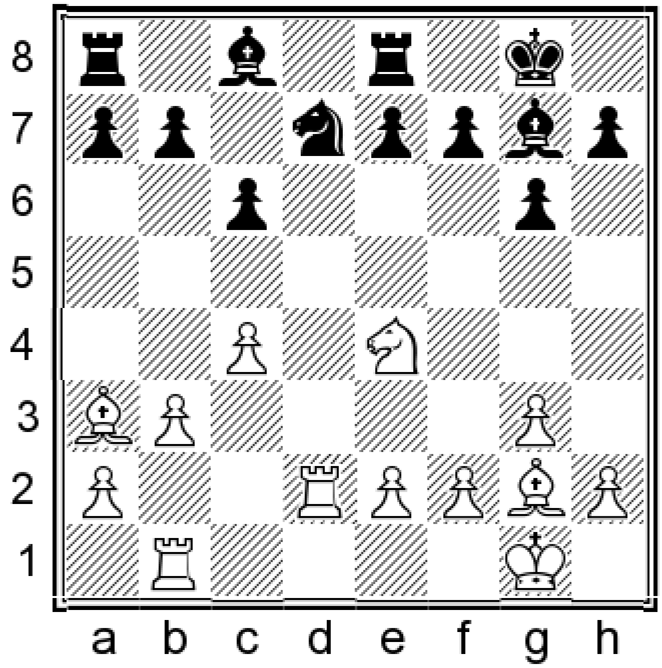
10.♘d3 ♘e4 11.♘xe4 dxe4 12.♘c5 ♗c8 13.♘xe4N

13.♗b2

13...♕xd4 14.♕xd4

14.♖b1 ♕xd1 15.♖xd1 ♗f5 16.♗a3 ♖e8 17.♖bc1 ♘a6 18.e3 ♗f8 19.♖d2 ♖ad8 20.♖cd1 ♖xd2 21.♖xd2 ♗xe4 22.♗xe4 e5=

14...♗xd4 15.♖b1 ♘d7 16.♖d1 ♗g7 17.♗a3 ♖e8 18.♖d2

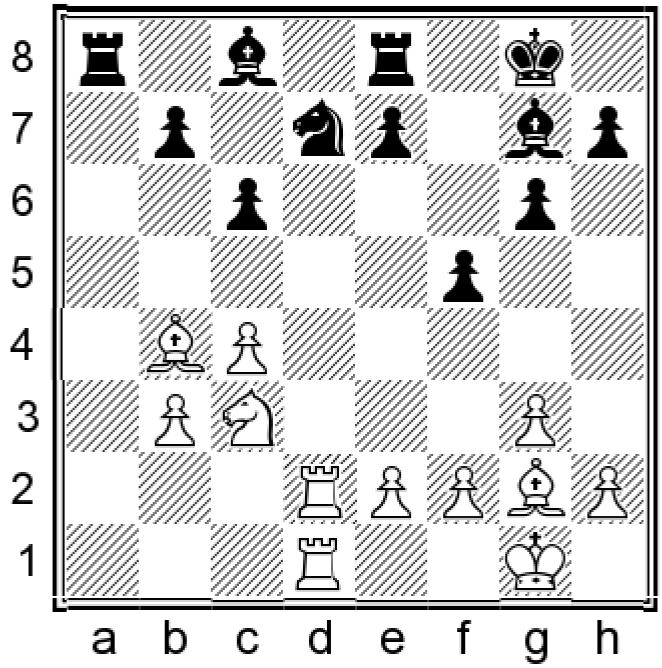


18.♖bc1 f5 19.♘c3 e5 20.e4±

18...a5! 19.♖bd1 a4! 20.♗b4

20.♖xd7? ♗xd7 21.♖xd7 axb3-+

20...axb3 21.axb3 f5 22.♘c3



22.♘g5 ♘f8 23.e3 ♘e6=

22...♘c5! 23.♖d8

23.♗xc5 ♗xc3 24.♖c2 ♗f6 25.e4 ♔f7=

23...♔f7 24.♖xe8 ♔xe8 25.♗xc5

25.♘d5 cxd5 (25...♘a6 26.♘b6 ♖b8 27.♗a3 ♗e6=) 26.♗xc5 dxc4 27.bxc4 ♖a4 28.♗b6 ♗d7 29.c5 ♗c6 30.♗xc6+ bxc6 31.♖d8+ ♔f7 32.♖c8 ♖a1+ 33.♔g2 ♖a2 34.e3 ♗c3 35.♔f1 ♖a1+ 36.♔g2 ♖a2=

25...♗xc3 26.b4?!

26.f4 ♖a2 27.♔f2 ♖b2 28.♖d3 ♖c2 (28...♖xb3?! 29.♗e3! c5 30.♗xc5±) 29.♗f3=

26...♖a2 27.♖c1 ♗d2 28.♖b1?!

28.♖d1 ♖c2 29.e4 (29.e3 e5∓) 29...f4 30.♗f1 ♗g4 31.♖a1 ♗e6∓

28...♖c2 29.♖d1 ♗e6∓ 30.♖a1

30.b5 cxb5 31.cxb5 ♖xc5 (31...♗c4∓) 32.♖xd2 ♖xb5∓

30...♗xc4-+ 31.♖a8+ ♔d7 32.♗f3 ♖b2

32...♖c1+ 33.♔g2 e5-+

33.♖b8 ♗a6 34.♖h8 ♗xb4 35.♗xb4 ♖xb4 36.♖xh7 c5 37.♖h6 c4 0-1

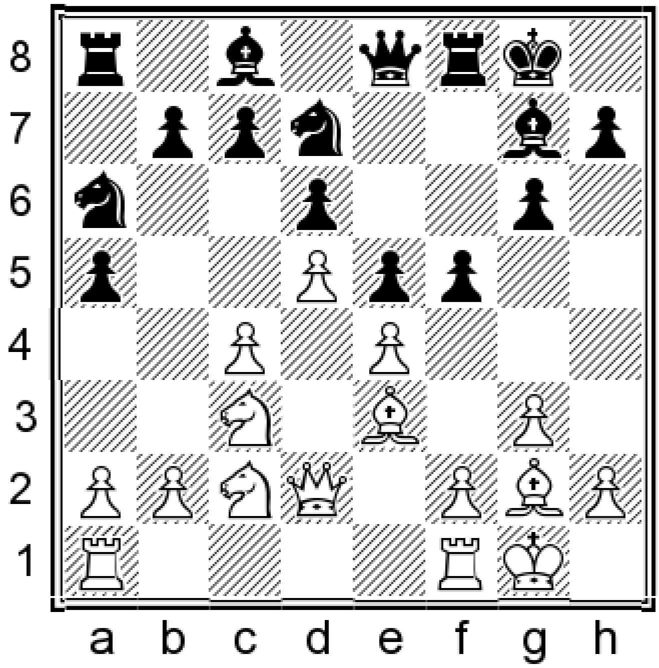
192.* E63**
Henriquez Villagra, Cristobal (2508) - Jones, Gawain C (2635)
Baku (ol) 130/192, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.g3 O-O 5.♗g2 d6 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.O-O e5 8.d5 ♘b8

8...♘e7 - 125/188

9.e4 a5 10.h3

10.♗g5 ♘a6 11.♕d2N (11.h3) 11...♕e8 12.♘e1 ♘d7 13.♘d3 (13.♘c2N f5 14.♗e3 Iturrizaga Bonelli,E (2626)-Oleksiyenko,M (2610) Abu Dhabi 130/(192) 2016 (14.♗e3



14...f4! 15.gxf4 exf4 16.♗xf4 ♘b6 17.♗h6 (17.b3? ♗xc3 18.♕xc3 ♖xf4-+) 17...♘xc4 18.♕c1 ♗xh6 19.♕xh6 ♘xb2

20.f4 ♘c5 21.♘d4 ♗d7∓)) 13...f5 14.♗e3 b6 15.♖ae1 ♘dc5 16.♘xc5 ♘xc5 17.f3 ♗d7= 18.♔h1 ♕e7 19.exf5 gxf5 20.f4 e4 21.♗d4 1/2 (21) Georgiev,K (2613)-Kadric,D (2562) Paracin 130/(192) 2016

10...♘a6 11.♗e3 ♕e7N

11...♘h5

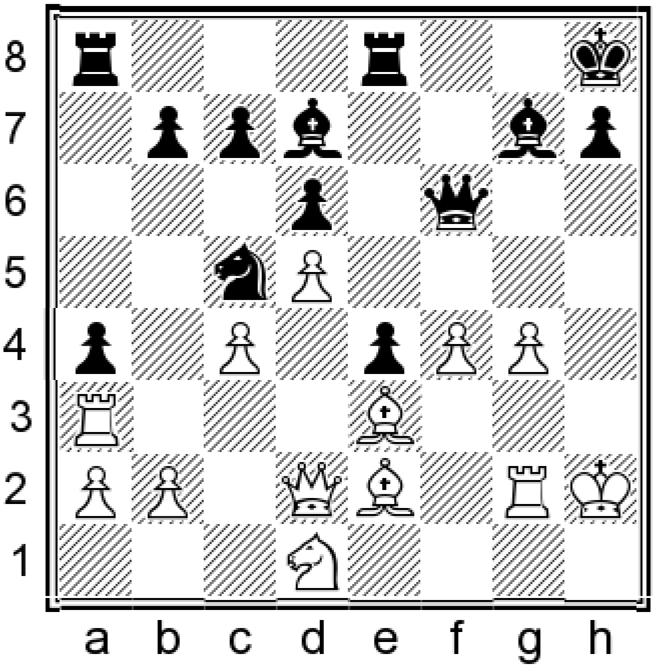
12.♘e1 ♘d7 13.♘d3 ♘dc5 14.♘xc5 ♘xc5 15.♕d2 f5 16.exf5 gxf5 17.♖ae1 ♗d7 18.♔h2

18.♘b5?!N ♗xb5 19.cxb5 ♕d7 20.♗xc5 (20.♕e2 e4∓) 20...dxc5 21.♕e2 ♔h8 22.♕c4 ♕d6 23.♔h1 e4∓ Vazquez Igarza,R (2580)-Skoberne,J (2562) Baku (ol) 130/(192) 2016

18...♖ae8 19.f4 e4 20.♖g1 a4 21.♗f1 ♕f6 22.♖c1 ♖e7 23.♗e2 ♖fe8 24.♘d1

24.g4 ♘d3! 25.g5 (25.♗xd3 exd3 26.g5 ♕f7 27.♖g3 b5!∞ (27...♗d4?! 28.♗xd4 ♖e2+ 29.♘xe2 ♖xe2+ 30.♕xe2 dxe2 31.♖e3±) 28.b3 (28.cxb5? ♗d4 29.♗xd4 ♖e2+ 30.♘xe2 ♖xe2+ 31.♕xe2 dxe2 32.♖e3 ♕xd5∓) 28...b4 29.♘d1 c5∞) 25...♕f7 26.♖b1 ♘e5!? (26...c5!?∞) 27.♖g3 (27.fxe5 ♗xe5+ 28.♔h1 (28.♗f4? e3! 29.♕xe3 ♗xc3 30.♕xc3 ♖xe2+ 31.♖g2 ♖xg2+ 32.♔xg2 ♖e2+ 33.♔g3 ♕e8∓) 28...f4 29.♖bf1 fxe3 30.♕d1 ♕g7∓) 27...♘g6∞

24...♖b8 25.♖g2 ♔h8 26.♖c3 ♖a8 27.♖a3 ♖ee8 28.g4 fxg4 29.hxg4



29.♗xg4 ♗xg4 30.♖xg4 (30.hxg4 ♘d3 31.♔g1 (31.♘c3? ♕h4+ 32.♔g1 ♘e1-+) 31...♖f8∓) 30...♘d3 31.♘c3 ♖e7∞

29...♘d3! 30.♔g1

30.♗xd3 exd3 31.♖xd3 ♖e4∓ 32.♔g3 ♖xc4 33.♖c3 b5∓

30...c5

30...b5!? 31.cxb5 ♗xb5 32.♖h2 ♔g8 33.♘c3 ♗c4 34.♖xa4 ♖xa4 35.♘xa4 ♗xd5 36.♘c3 ♗c6⇄

31.♗xd3

31.dxc6 ♗xc6 32.♖h2 ♔g8 33.♘c3 ♕e6∞

31...exd3 32.♕xd3 ♔g8⯹ 33.♗d2

33.f5 b5 34.cxb5 ♖ab8 35.♕c2 ♖xb5⯹

33...♖e7 34.♕c2?!

34.♕f1 ♕h4 (34...b5!?) 35.♕f2 ♗d4 36.♗e3 ♕f6⯹

34...♕h4∓

34...♖ae8! 35.♖h3 ♕d4+ 36.♔h2 ♖e2 37.♖g3 b5∓

35.♖ag3?!

35.♘f2 ♗d4 36.♖f3 ♗xg4 37.♖fg3 h5∓

35...♖ae8 36.♗e3 ♖e4∓ 37.♕d3

37.f5 b5 38.cxb5 ♗xb5∓

37...♗d4-+ 38.♗xd4 ♖xd4

38...♖e1+ 39.♔f2 cxd4 40.♕xd4 (40.f5 ♕h6 41.g5 ♕h5-+) 40...♖8e2+ 41.♔f3 ♖xg2 42.♖xg2 ♖f1+ 43.♘f2 (43.♔e4 ♕e7+-+) 43...♕h3+-+

39.♕f1 ♖de4 40.♕d3 ♖e1+ 41.♔f2 ♗xg4 42.♘c3 ♔h8 43.♕d2 ♗h5

43...♗h5 44.b3 axb3 45.axb3 ♖h1 Δ ♖ee10-1

193.* E63
Bok, Benjamin (2592) - Jones, Gawain C (2635)
Baku (ol) 130/193, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 O-O 5.♘c3 d6 6.♘f3 ♘c6 7.O-O ♖b8 8.b3 a6 9.d5 ♘a5 10.♗g5

10.♗d2 - 126/189

10...c5

10...h6 11.♗d2 c5 12.dxc6 ♘xc6 13.♖c1 ♗e6 14.♘e1 ♗d7N (14...d5) 15.♘d3 e6 16.c5 ♘e5 Schandorff,L (2515)-Krnan,T (2430) Baku 130/(193) 2016 (16...♘e5 17.♗f4! ♘h5 (17...♘xd3 18.♕xd3 e5 19.♗e3 dxc5 20.♗xc5 ♖e8 21.♖fd1±) 18.cxd6 ♘xd3 19.♕xd3 ♘xf4 20.gxf4±) (16...dxc5 17.♘xc5 ♕e7 18.♘xd7 ♘xd7 (18...♕xd7 19.♗f4 ♖bd8 20.♕xd7 ♖xd7 21.♗xc6 bxc6 22.♘a4 ♘d5 23.♗d2±) 19.♗xc6 bxc6 20.♕c2 ♖fd8 21.♘a4±)

11.dxc6 ♘xc6 12.♖c1 h6N

12...♗f5

13.♗e3 ♗f5

13...♘g4 14.♗d2 ♗d7 15.h3 ♘f6 16.♗e3 b5 17.♘d5±

14.♘d5± ♔h7

14...♘xd5 15.cxd5 ♘e5 16.♘xe5 dxe5 17.♕d2 ♔h7 18.♖c4±

15.♘h4 ♗e6 16.♕d2 ♖e8

16...♘g4 17.♗b6 ♕d7 18.e4±

17.♗b6

17.♘xf6+ exf6 (17...♗xf6 18.♗xh6 ♕a5 19.♕xa5 ♘xa5 20.♗e3±) 18.♖fd1 ♗f8 19.♘f3±

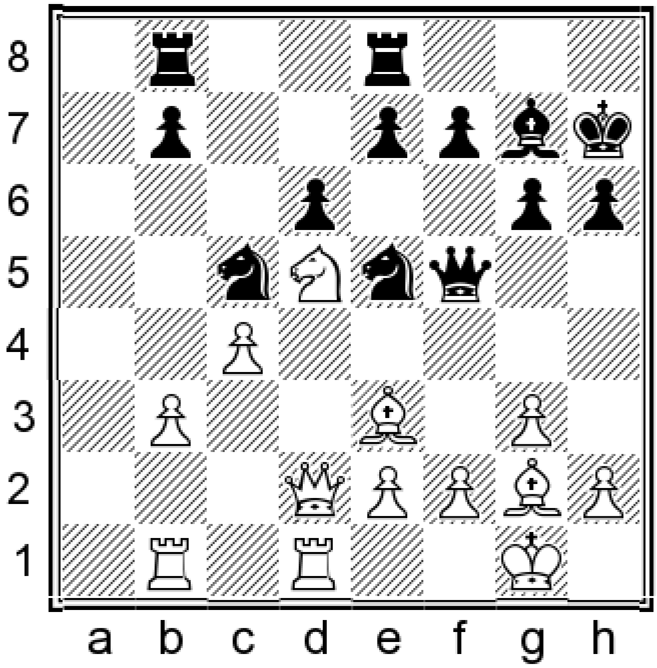
17...♕d7 18.♘c7 ♖ec8 19.♘xe6 ♕xe6 20.♖fd1 ♘d7 21.♗e3 a5 22.♗f3 ♕f6 23.♘g2! a4 24.♘f4 axb3 25.axb3 ♘c5

25...♕b2 26.♕xb2 ♗xb2 27.♖b1 ♗e5 28.♘d5±

26.♖b1 ♘e5 27.♗g2 ♖e8?!

27...b5 28.cxb5 ♖xb5 29.♕a2! ♘g4 30.♗d4 e5 31.♘d5 ♕e6 32.♗a1± (32.♗xc5 ♖bxc5 (32...dxc5 33.♕a7±) 33.b4 ♖c2 34.♕a7±)

28.♘d5 ♕f5



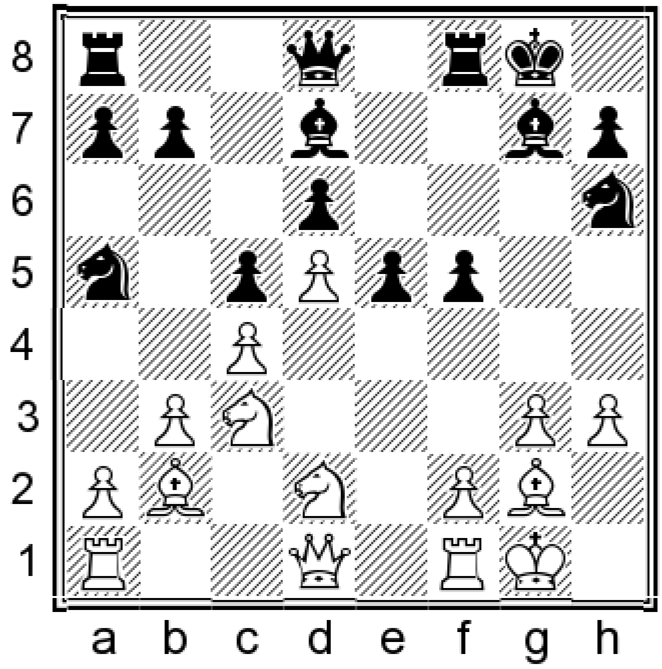
29.♘xe7! ♖xe7 30.♕xd6 ♘c6 31.♕xc5 ♕xc5 32.♗xc5 ♖xe2 33.♖d7 b6 34.♗d6

34.♗e3 ♘e5 35.♖b7+-

34...♘e5 35.♖e7+- ♖d8 36.♔f1 ♖xf2+ 37.♔xf2 ♖xd6 38.♗d5 b5 39.♔g1 b4 40.♖e1 ♘d3 41.♖f1 f5 42.♖a1 g5 43.♖aa7 ♖g6 44.♗e6 1-0

194. E66
Iordachescu, Viorel (2584) - Stevic, Hrvoje (2608)
Baku (ol) 130/194, 2016

1.c4 ♘f6 2.g3 g6 3.♗g2 ♗g7 4.♘f3 O-O 5.O-O d6 6.d4 c5 7.♘c3 ♘c6 8.d5 ♘a5 9.♘d2 e5 10.b3 ♘g4 11.h3 ♘h6 12.e4 f5 13.exf5 gxf5 14.♗b2 ♗d7



15.♕e2!?N

15.♕c2 - 41/655

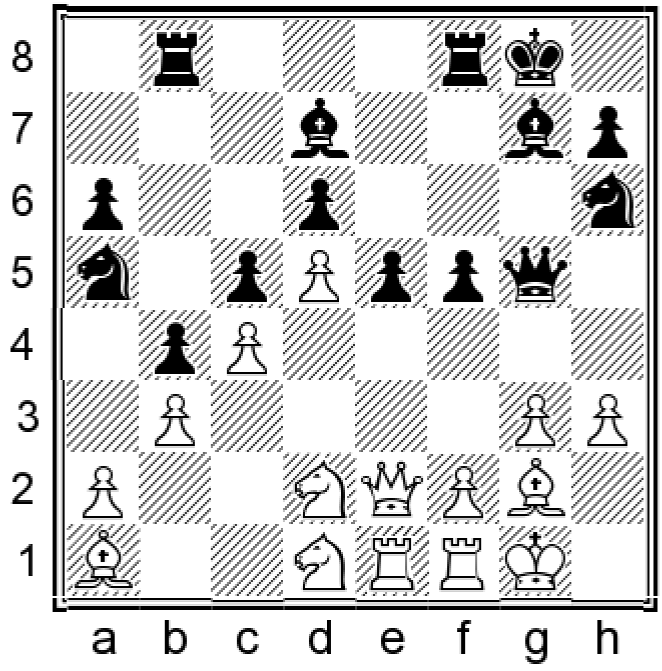
15...a6

15...e4 16.♖ab1 ♗d4 17.♕h5 ♘f7 18.♘e2±

16.♖ae1 ♖b8 17.♘d1 b5

17...f4 18.♘e4 (18.gxf4 ♖xf4 (18...exf4 19.♗xg7 ♔xg7 20.♘e4±) 19.♘e4 ♘f5 20.♗c1 ♘d4 21.♕d3 b5! 22.♗xf4 exf4=∞) 18...♘f5 19.gxf4 exf4 20.♗xg7 ♘xg7 21.♔h2 ♕h4 22.♕f3 ♘f5 23.♕g4+±

18.♗c3 b4 19.♗a1 ♕g5



20.f4! ♕xg3

20...exf4 21.gxf4 ♕g6 22.♗xg7 ♕xg7 23.♘f3 (23.♕e7 ♘b7±) 23...♖be8 24.♕f2±

21.fxe5 ♖be8

21...♘f7 22.e6 ♗xa1 23.♖xf5! ♘g5 (23...♗xe6 24.dxe6 ♘g5 25.♘f1! ♕h4 (25...♘xh3+ 26.♔h1+-) 26.♘de3±) 24.♘f1! ♘xh3+ 25.♔h1 ♕h4 26.♖h5 ♘f2+ 27.♔g1 ♕e7 28.♘xf2 ♗e8 29.♖h2±

22.♕f2 ♕xf2+

22...♕g6 23.♘f3 f4 24.e6! ♗xa1 25.exd7 ♖d8 26.♖e6 ♕g7 27.♕h4 ♗f6 28.♕xf4↑

23.♘xf2 ♖xe5

23...♗xe5 24.♗xe5 dxe5 (24...♖xe5 25.♖xe5 dxe5 26.♘d3 e4 27.♘xc5 ♗c8 28.d6! ♖d8 29.♘dxe4 fxe4 30.d7 ♗xd7 (30...♖xd7 31.♘xd7 ♗xd7 32.♖f6±) 31.♖d1±) 25.♘d3 e4 26.♘xc5 ♗c8 27.♖f4 ♘f7 28.♘f1±

24.♖xe5 dxe5 25.♘d3 ♘b7

25...e4 26.♘xc5 ♗c8 27.♔f2 ♖f7 28.♔e3±

26.♘xe5±

26.♗xe5 ♖e8 27.♘f3 ♘f7 28.♗f4±

26...♗c8 27.♘df3

27.♔f2 ♘f7 28.♘d3±

27...♖e8 28.♖d1 ♘d6 29.♘d3 ♘b7 30.♘g5 ♗xa1 31.♖xa1 ♖e2

31...♘f7 32.♘e6 ♗xe6 33.dxe6 ♘fd6 34.♖e1+-

32.♘e6+- ♗xe6 33.dxe6 ♖d2 34.e7 ♘d6 35.♘xc5 a5 36.♖e1 ♘e8 37.♗c6 ♔f7 38.♘b7 1-0

195. E67
Ivanisevic, Ivan (2650) - Arenas, David (2490)
Baku (ol) 130/195, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 ♗g7 4.♗g2 O-O 5.♘c3 d6 6.♘f3 ♘bd7 7.O-O e5 8.e3 c6 9.a4 ♕c7

9...a5 - 91/474

10.b3 ♖e8 11.♗a3N

11.a5

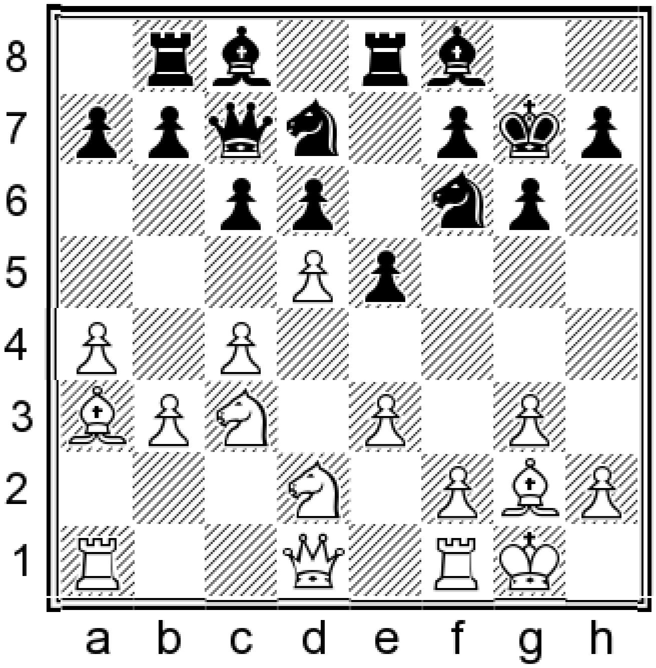
11...♗f8

11...exd4 12.exd4 d5 13.♘d2 dxc4 14.bxc4 ♘f8 15.♘de4±

12.♘d2± ♖b8

12...a5 13.h3 exd4 14.exd4±

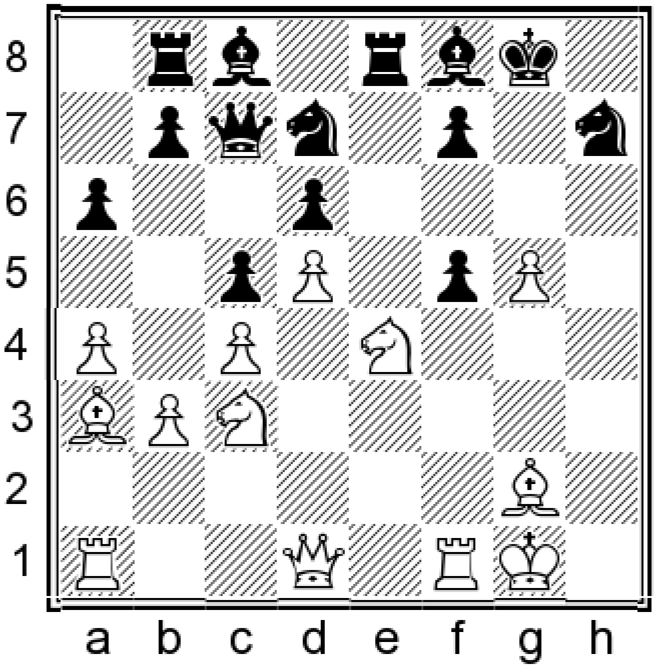
13.d5 ♔g7



14.g4! h6 15.h4 a6?!

15...♘h7 16.♘de4 ♘df6 17.g5 hxg5 18.hxg5 ♘xe4 19.♘xe4±

16.g5 hxg5 17.hxg5 ♘h7 18.♘de4 c5 19.f4! exf4 20.exf4 ♔g8 21.f5 gxf5



22.♕h5!

22.♖xf5 ♘e5 23.♖f1 ♗g7 24.♕h5±

22...♘e5

22...fxe4 23.♖xf7+-

23.♘f6++- ♘xf6 24.gxf6 ♘g6 25.♔f2! ♕d8 26.♖h1 ♗h6 27.♕xh6 ♕xf6 28.♕d2 b5 29.axb5 axb5 30.cxb5 ♘e5

31.♖h5 ♘g4+ 32.♔g1 ♖e3 33.♗b2 ♕g6 34.♖h4 ♕g5 35.♖xg4

35.♖xg4 fxg4 36.♗c1+-1-0

196. E70
Bocharov, Dmitry (2610) - Kokarev, Dmitry (2628)
Vladivostok 130/196, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.♘ge2 O-O 6.♘g3 e5 7.d5 c6 8.♗e2 a6 9.O-O cxd5 10.cxd5 ♘bd7 11.♖e1

11.♗e3 - 54/(571)

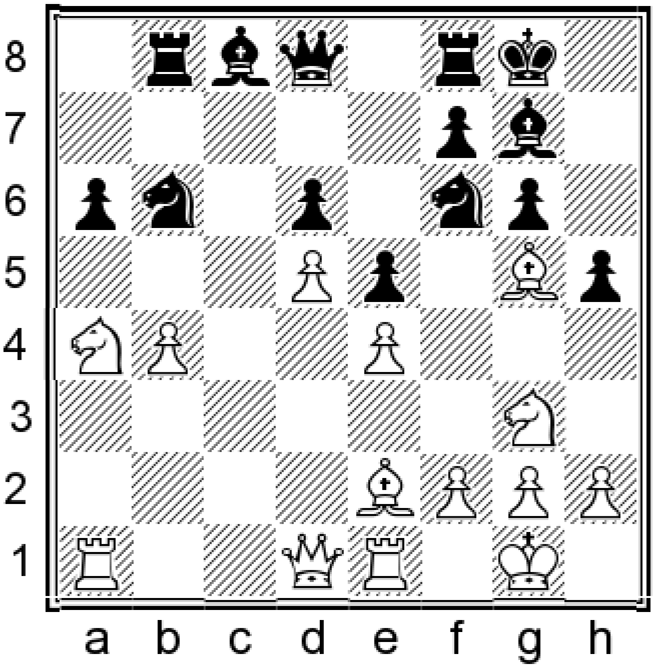
11...b5N

11...h511...♕e8

12.b4 ♘b6 13.a4 bxa4 14.♘xa4± h5

14...♗d7 15.♘b2 ♗b5 16.♗e3±

15.♗g5 ♖b8



15...♗d7 16.♘c3 ♕c7 17.♕b3 ♘h7 18.♗e3±

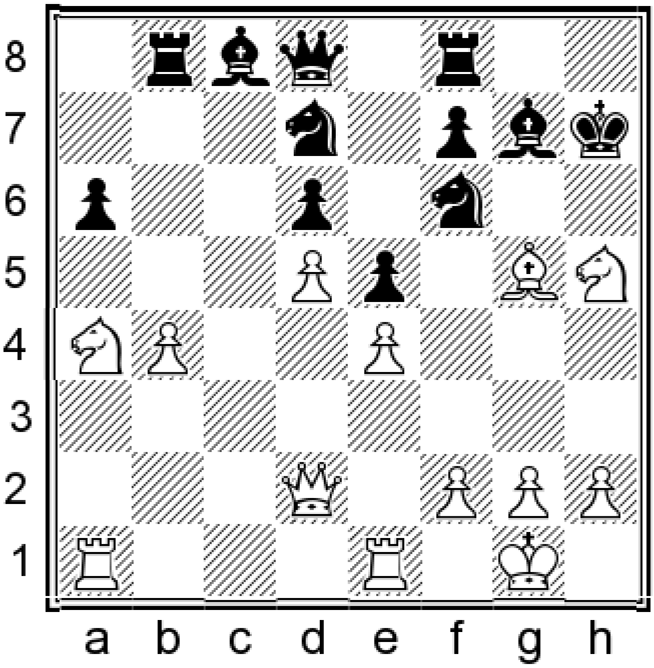
16.♗xh5! ♘bd7

16...gxh5 17.♘xh5 ♗g4 (17...♘bd7 18.♖a3 (18.♕d2 - 16... Nbd7) 18...♕e8 19.♘xg7 (19.♖h3+-) 19...♔xg7 20.♗h6+ ♔h8 (20...♔xh6 21.♕d2+ ♔g7 22.♖g3+ ♔h7 23.♖h3++-) 21.♖h3 ♘h7 22.♗g7+ ♔xg7 23.♕g4+ ♔h8 24.♖xh7+ ♔xh7 25.♖e3+-) 18.♘xf6+ ♗xf6 19.♕xg4 ♗xg5 20.h4+-

17.♕d2

17.♗e2 ♖xb4 18.♕d2 ♖b8 19.♖eb1±

17...gxh5 18.♘xh5 ♔h7



19.♖a3! ♖h8 20.♖f3+- a5 21.♘xg7 ♔xg7 22.♗xf6+ ♘xf6 23.♕g5+ ♔f8 24.♖xf6 ♖xb4 25.♘c3 ♕c7

25...a4 26.♖e3 ♕e7 27.h3 a3 28.♖ef3 ♔e8 29.♕c1+-25...♖g8 26.♕h6+ ♔e7 27.g3+-

26.h4! ♗h3

26...♕xc3 27.♖xd6+- (27.♖c1+-)

27.♖e3

27.♖e3 ♗c8 28.♖ef3+-1-0

197. E73
Sokolov, Ivan (2623) - Van Foreest, Jorden (2615)
Hoogeveen (m/3) 130/197, 2016

1.c4 ♘f6 2.♘c3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 ♗g7 5.♗e2 O-O 6.♗e3 e5 7.d5 ♘a6 8.g4 c6

8...♘c5 - 129/192

9.g5 ♘e8 10.h4 f5 11.gxf6 ♘xf6 12.h5 ♕a5N

12...gxh5

13.hxg6

13.♕d2 cxd5 14.cxd5 ♘xh5 15.♗xh5 gxh5 16.♖xh5 ♘c5 17.♗h6 ♖f6∞

13...♘xe4

13...hxg6 14.♕d2±

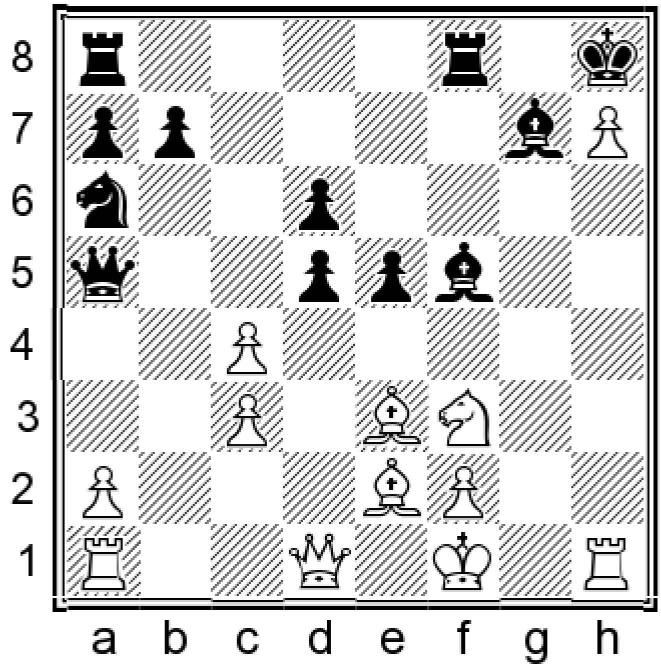
14.gxh7+ ♔h8 15.♘f3!

15.♖c1 cxd5 16.♕xd5 (16.cxd5?! ♘b4↑) 16...♘ac5 17.♘f3 ♗e6 18.♕d1 ♖f6∞

15...♘xc3 16.bxc3 cxd5 17.♔f1!?

17.♘h4!? ♗f5 18.♔f1! d4 (18...♕xc3 19.♖c1 ♕a3 20.♕xd5±) 19.cxd4 exd4 20.♗xd4 ♗xd4 21.♕xd4+ ♕e5 22.♖d1± (22.♕xe5+ dxe5 23.♘xf5 ♖xf5 24.♖h5 ♖xh5 25.♗xh5 ♔xh7 26.♖e1±)

17...♗f5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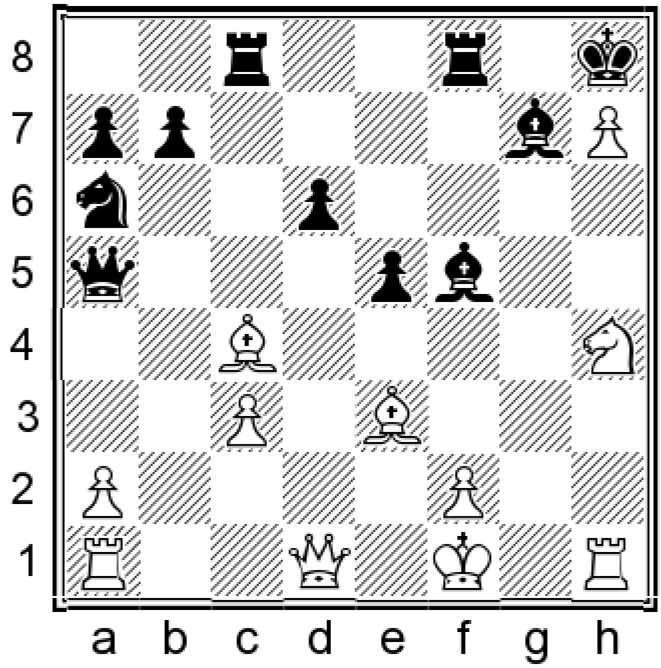
18.♘h4! dxc4

18...♖ae8 19.♗d3! e4 20.♗e2 ♕xc3 21.♖c1 ♕f6 22.♗g4! ♗g6 23.♗h5+-18...d4 - 17.Nh4

19.♗xc4 ♖ac8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20.♗e6! ♗e4 21.♕g4

21.♗xc8 ♕xc3 (21...♖xc8 22.♕g4 ♕b5+ 23.♔g1 ♕c4 24.♖h3 ♗d3 25.♘g6+ ♗xg6 26.♕xg6+-) 22.♗g4 ♕xe3 (22...♘c7 23.♔g1+-) 23.♗f5!+-

21...♗d3+ 22.♔g1 ♖ce8 23.♗f5+- ♗xf5 24.♕xf5! ♖f6 25.♗g5 ♖fe6 26.♘g6+ ♖xg6 27.♕xg6 ♖f8 28.♗e7 ♖xf2

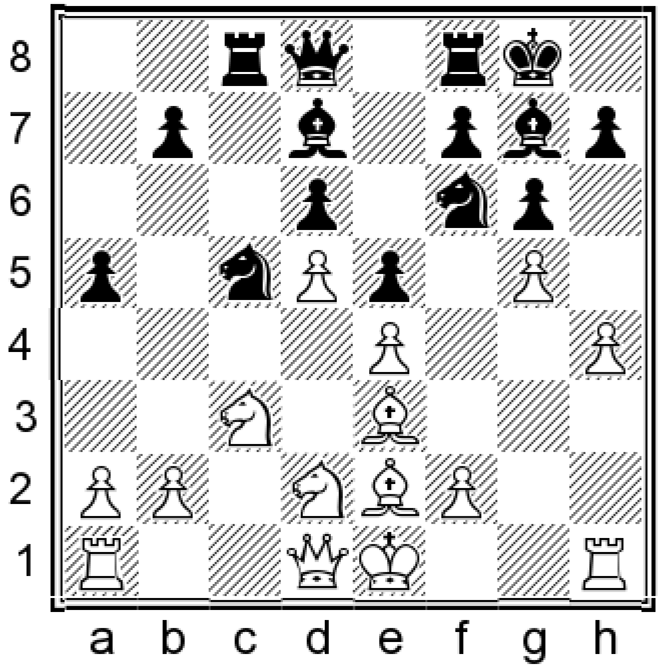
28...♖xf2 29.♖h6+- Δ ♕g71-0

198. E90
Grischuk, Alexander (2751) - Naiditsch, Arkadij (2686)
Novi Sad 130/198, 2016

1.♘f3 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 O-O 6.h3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.♗e3 ♘a6 9.g4 ♘c5 10.♘d2 c6 11.♗e2 ♗d7 12.h4 cxd5 13.cxd5 ♖c8

13...♘e8 - 7/597

14.g5



14...♘h5! 15.♗xc5N

15.♗xh5

15...♖xc5 16.♗xh5 gxh5 17.♕xh5 b5♾ 18.a4?!

18.a3 b4 (18...♕c7 19.♕d1 b4 20.axb4 axb4 21.♘e2 ♗b5♾) 19.axb4 axb4 20.♘d1 ♕c8 (20...♕c7 21.♘e3 ♖c1+ 22.♔e2 ♗b5+ 23.♔f3±) 21.♘e3 ♖c1+ 22.♖xc1 (22.♔e2? ♗b5+ 23.♔f3 ♖xa1 24.♖xa1 ♕h3#) 22...♕xc1+ 23.♕d1 ♕xb2 24.♘dc4 ♕c3+ 25.♕d2 ♕a1+ 26.♕d1 ♕c3+ 27.♕d2=

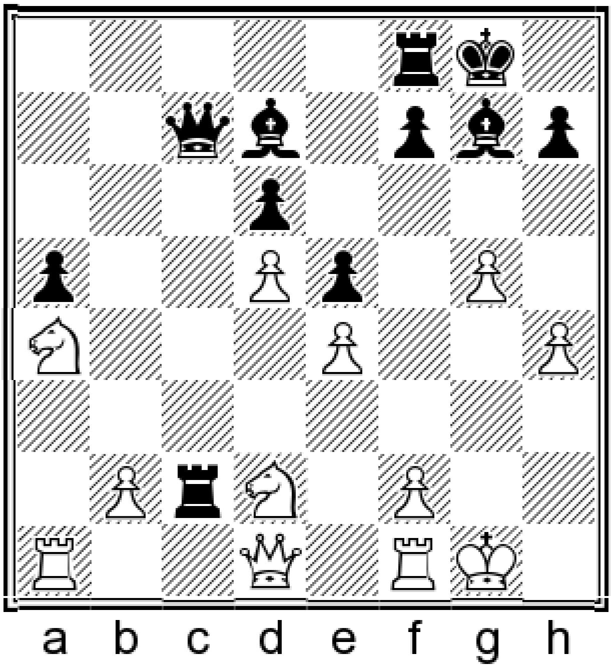
18...bxa4 19.♕d1 ♕c7∓

19...f5!? 20.exf5 ♗xf5 21.♖xa4 ♕b6∓

20.♘xa4?!

20.♖g1 ♖b8 21.♕c2 ♖b4∓

20...♖c2 21.O-O



21...f5

21...f6! 22.b3 (22.gxf6? ♖xf6 23.♘f3 ♗g4 24.♖a3 ♗h6-+) 22...fxg5 23.♘c4 ♖xc4 24.bxc4 ♖f4! 25.f3 g4∓

22.b3

22.gxf6? - 21...f6, 22.♘c3 ♖xb2 23.♖c1 ♖bb8∓

22...fxe4 23.♖c1 ♖xc1 24.♕xc1 ♕b8

24...♕a7 25.♘xe4 ♖f4 26.♘ac3 ♖g4+ 27.♔h2 ♖xh4+ 28.♔g3 ♖f4∓24...♕b7 25.♖e1 ♕xd5 26.♘b6 ♕b7 27.♘xd7 ♕xd7 28.♘xe4 d5∓

25.♘c3 ♖f4 26.♘cxe4 ♖xh4 27.♕c3?!

27.f3 ♗f5 28.♕e1 ♖f4∓

27...♖g4+ 28.♘g3 ♖xg5∓ 29.♘e4

29.♕xa5 h5 30.♔h1 ♕f8 31.♘ge4 ♖g4∓

29...♖g6 30.♔g2 ♕b5 31.♕c4 ♕b7 32.♖c1 h5 33.♔h2 ♗g4 34.f3 ♗xf3-+ 35.♘f5

35.♕c8+ ♕xc8 36.♖xc8+ ♔h7 37.♖c4 ♗h6-+

35...♕a7 36.♖f1 ♗g2 37.♘h4 ♗xe4 38.♕xe4 ♖g4 39.♕e1 ♗h6 40.♘f5 ♗f4+ 41.♔h1 ♕d7 42.♕e4 ♔h8 43.♖g1 ♖h4+! 44.♔g2 ♖h2+ 45.♔f3 ♕c8 0-1

199. E96
Lalic, Bogdan (2443) - Jones, Gawain C (2663)
Kilkenny 130/199, 2016

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3 ♗g7 4.e4 O-O 5.♘f3 d6 6.♗e2 e5 7.O-O ♘bd7 8.♖e1 ♖e8 9.d5

9.♗f1 - 81/(482)

9...a5 10.♗f1 ♘c5 11.b3 ♗d7 12.♖b1 ♘h5 13.♗e3N

13.a313.♘d2

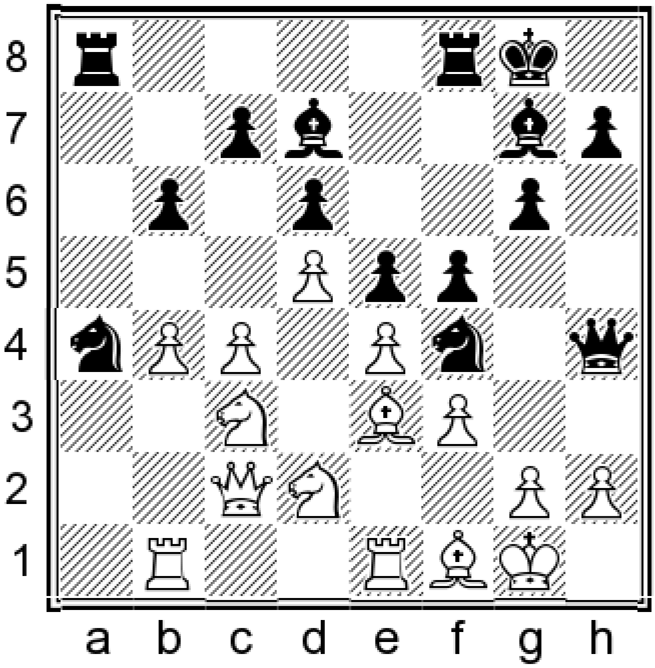
13...b6

13...f5 14.♗xc5!? dxc5 15.d6 c6 16.♕d2±

14.♘d2 ♘f4 15.♕c2 f5 16.a3 ♖f8∞ 17.f3 ♕h4 18.b4 axb4?

18...♘b7 19.♘b5 ♖fc8 20.exf5 gxf5 21.♘b3 ♔h8 (21...axb4 22.axb4 ♔h8 23.♖a1±) 22.bxa5 bxa5± (22...♘xa5? 23.♘xa5 ♖xa5 24.♘xc7! ♖xc7 25.♗xb6 ♖ac5 26.♗xc5 ♖xc5 27.g3 ♕g5 28.♖b8+ ♗c8 29.♕a4+-)

19.axb4± ♘a4?



19...♘b7

20.♘b5! g5 21.♗f2 ♕h5 22.♘xc7

22.♖a1 g4 23.fxg4 ♕xg4 24.♖e3!+-

22...g4 23.♘xa8 gxf3 24.♘xf3 fxe4 25.♖xe4 ♗f5 26.♖be1?!

26.♘d2! ♖xa8 27.♖a1 ♕g6 28.g3+-

26...♗xe4 27.♖xe4

27.♕xe4!? ♘c3 28.♕c2 e4 29.♘d4+-

27...♕g6 28.g3 ♘c3 29.♕xc3 ♕xe4 30.gxf4 ♕xf4 31.♘c7 ♕g4+ 32.♔h1?

32.♗g2 e4 33.♕e1! ♖xf3 34.♘e6 ♖d3 35.h3 ♖xh3 36.♘xg7 ♔xg7 37.♕xe4+-

32...e4?!

32...♖xf3 33.♗e2! ♖xc3 34.♗xg4 ♖xc4 35.♗e6+ ♔f8 36.♘b5 e4 37.♘xd6 ♖xb4±

33.♕e3 ♖xf3 34.♗e2! ♖xe3 35.♗xg4 ♖c3 36.♗g3!

36.♘b5?! ♖c1+ 37.♔g2 ♖c2 38.♔f1 ♗e5

36...♖xc4 37.♗e6+ ♔h8□ 38.♘e8! ♖c1+ 39.♔g2 ♗c3 40.♘xd6 ♖c2+ 41.♔h3 e3 42.♘e4! e2 43.d6+- e1=Q 44.♗xe1 ♗e5

44...♗xe1 45.d7+-

45.d7 ♖xh2+ 46.♔g4 h5+ 47.♔f5 ♗c7 48.♗g3 1-0

200. E99
So, Wesley (2782) - Perez Ponsa, Federico (2585)
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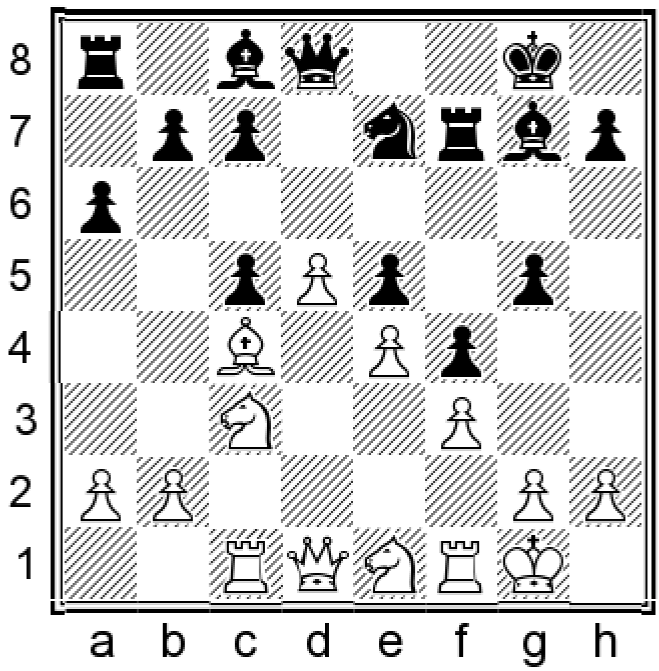

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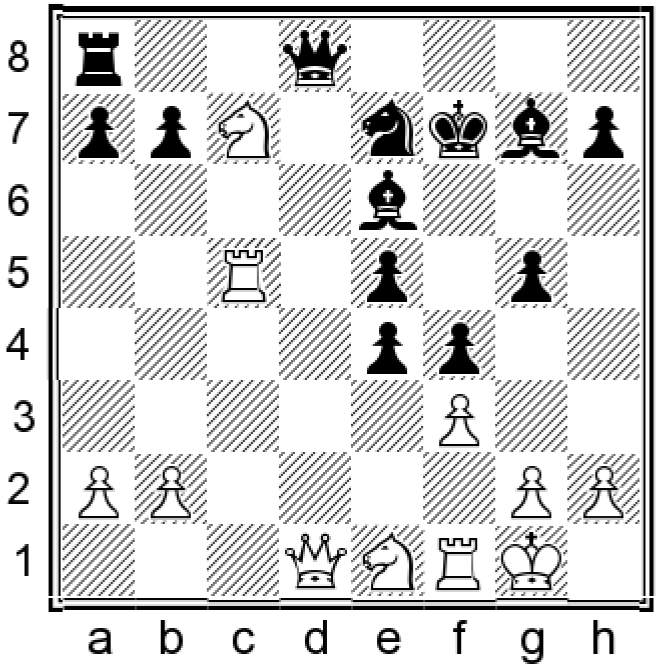

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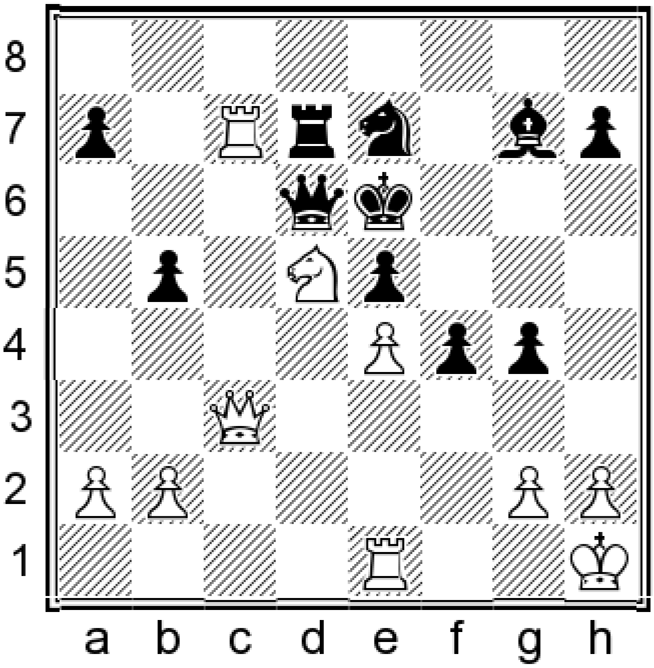
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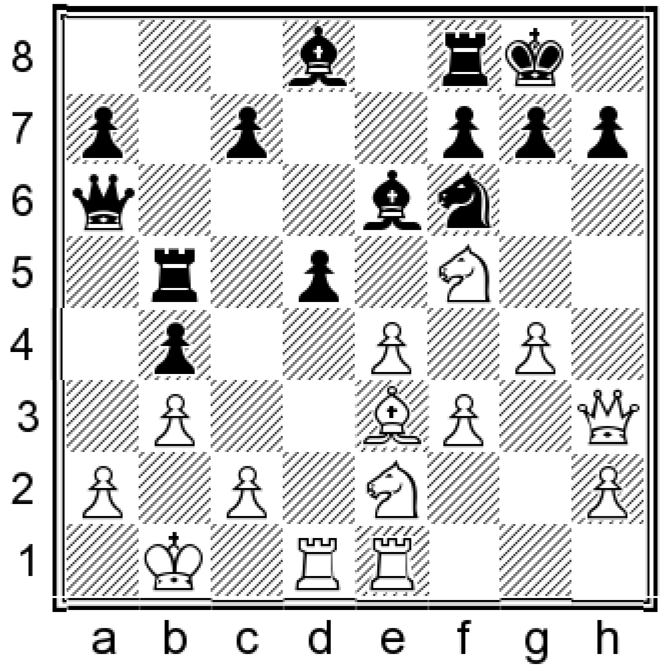

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6...♖xa2 7.♕f8+ ♔d7 8.♘c5++-

7.exd5 e5

7...♖xd5 8.♖xd5 ♘xd5 9.♖xe6++-

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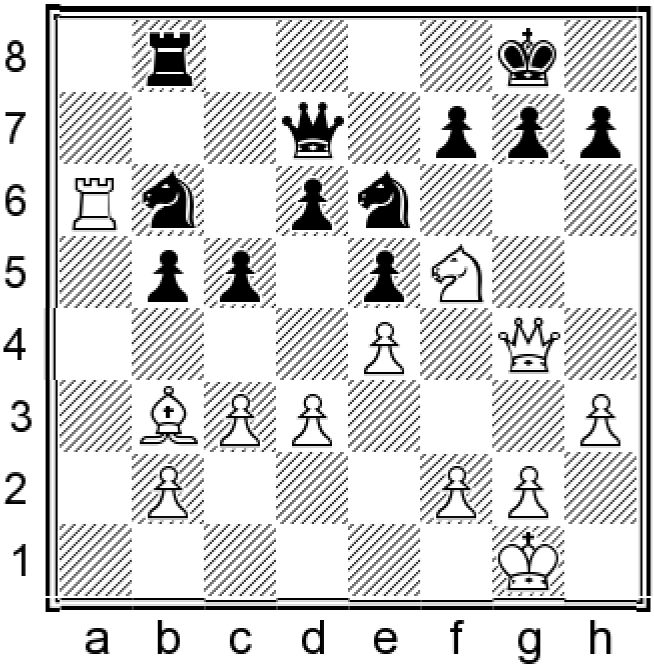

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4...♕f8 5.♕xb5+-

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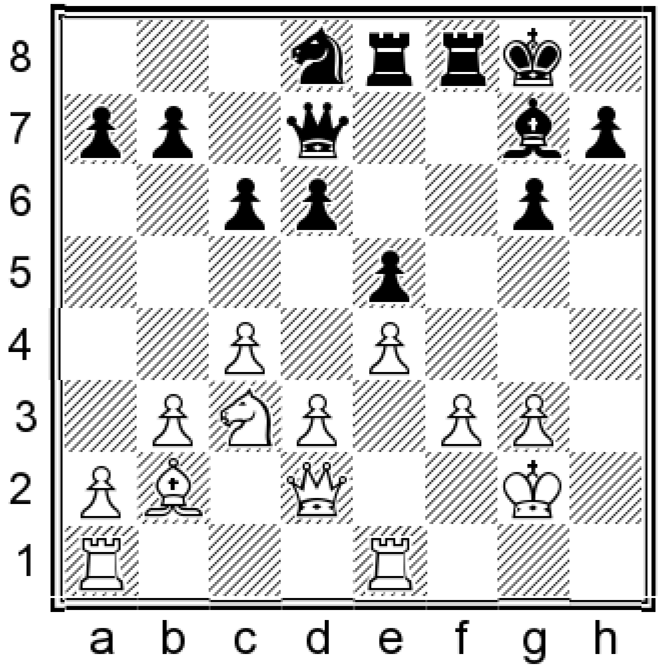

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3...♗h6 4.♕c2 ♘e6 5.♔d1 ♘d4 6.♕f2

6.♕b1 ♖f8! 7.♗c1 (7.♘e2 ♘xe2 8.♖xe2 ♕h5-+) 7...♕h5+ 8.♘e2 ♖f1! 9.♕b2 ♕h1!-+

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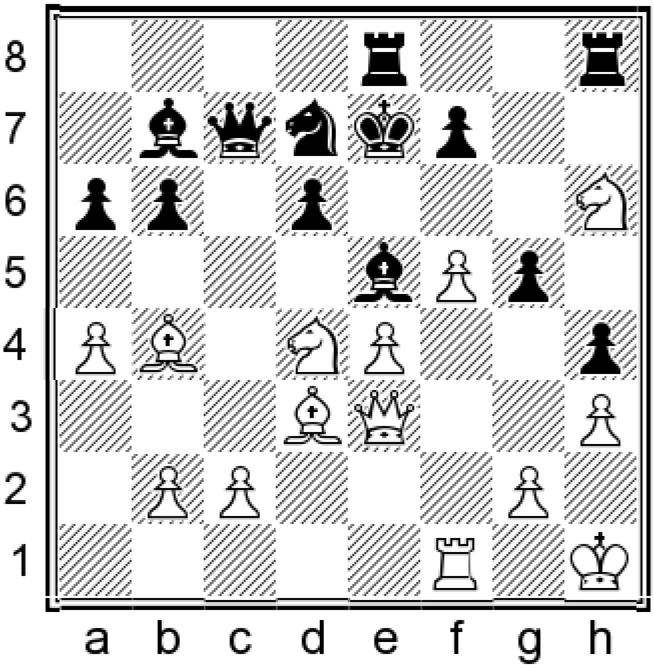

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2.♘df5+ ♔d7 3.♘xf7 ♘xe4 4.♘xh8 ♗xh8 5.♘xh4!±

2...♖xh6

2...♗xd4 3.♘f5+ ♔d7 4.♘xd4 ♘g8 5.♖xf7+ ♖e7 6.♕f5+ ♔d8 7.♖f8+

3.♘f5+ ♔d8 4.♘xh6 ♕e7 5.♗xd6! ♗xd6

5...♕xd6 6.♘xf7+

6.♖xf6 ♔c8 7.♘f5 1-0

5. Lin, Yi (2422) - Rapport, Richard (2717)
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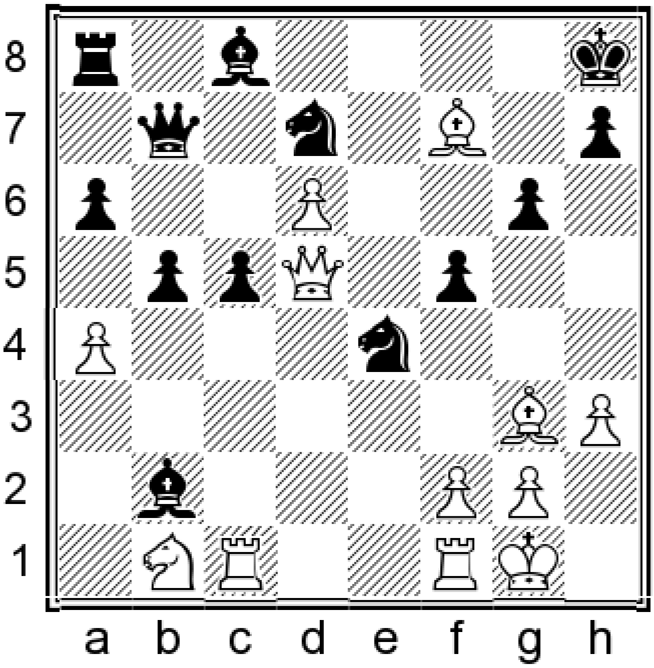

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1.♖cd1∞ Lin,Yi 2422 - Rapport,Richard 2717

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2.♗d5 ♕b6

2...♕b8 3.♖xc1+-

3.♖xc1 ♖b8 4.♗xe4 fxe4 5.♕e6 ♕d8 6.♖xc5!+-

6. Topalov, Veselin (2760) - Caruana, Fabiano (2823)
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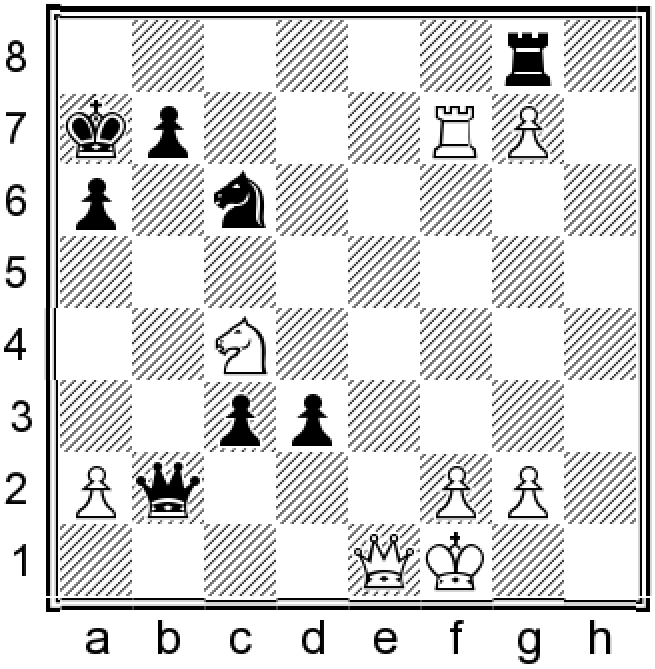

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1...♖e8!! 2.♖xb7+

2.♕xe8 ♕c1+ 3.♕e1 d2-+

2...♕xb7 3.♕xe8 ♕b1+

3...♕b1+ 4.♕e1 c2-+ 0-1

7. Hou, Yifan (2649) - Caruana, Fabiano (2813)
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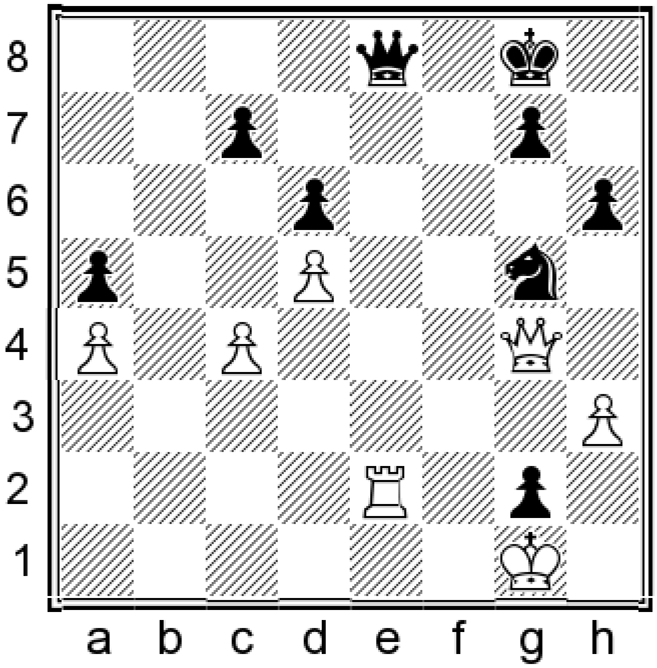
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1...♕xe2! 2.♕xe2 ♘xh3+ 3.♔h2

3.♔xg2 ♘f4+-+

3...g1=Q+ 4.♔xh3 ♔h7-+

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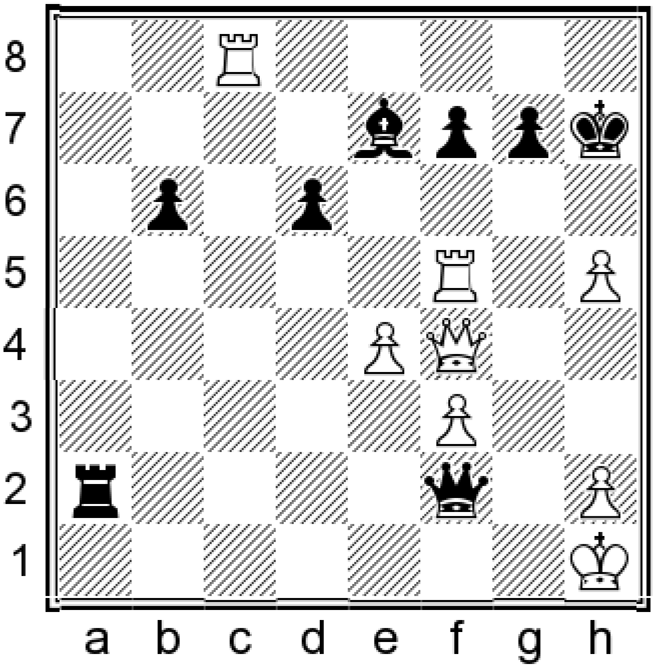
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1.♕h6+!!

1.♕h6+ ♔xh6 (1...gxh6 2.♖xf7#) 2.♖h8# 1-0

9. Kenneskog, Theodor (2332) - Dezelin, Milan (2220)
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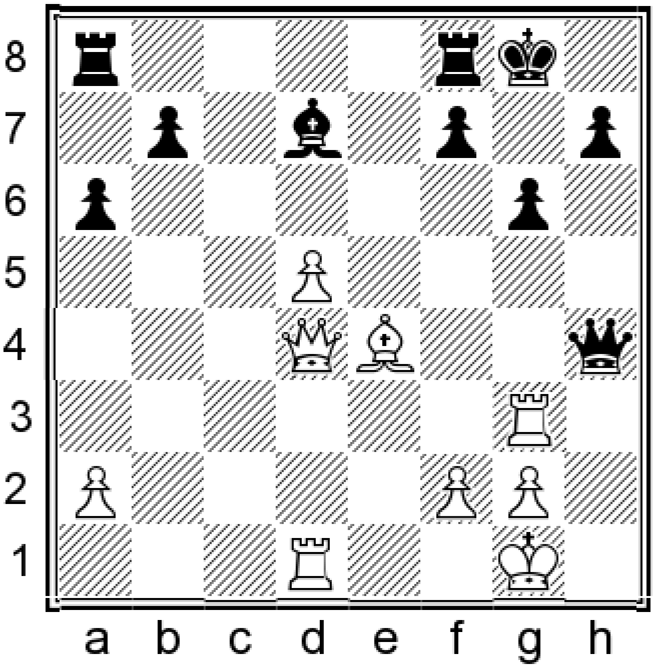
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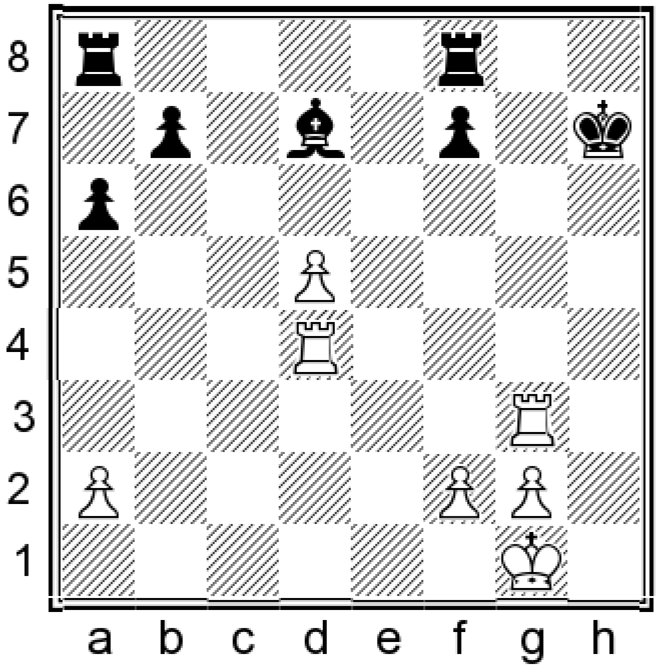
2...♔xh7 3.♖xd4+-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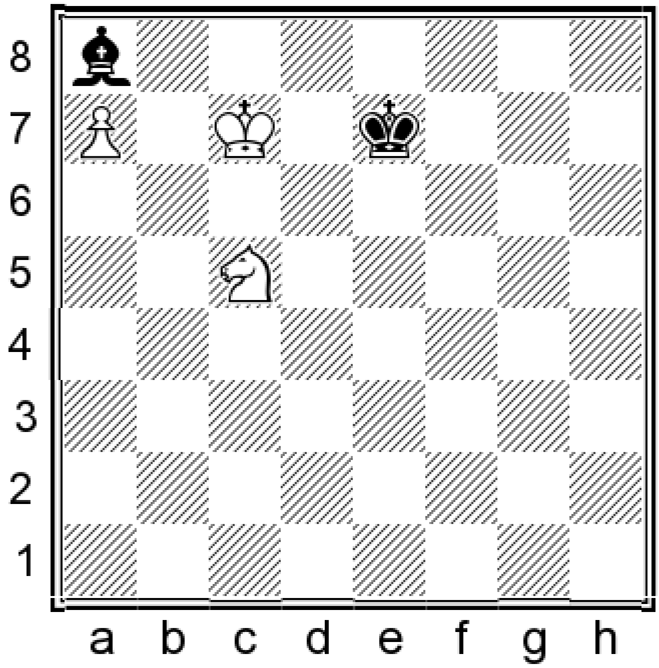

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1.♘b7

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1...♔e8 2.♔c8 ♔e7 3.♘a5 ♔e8 4.♘c4 ♔e7 5.♔b8 ♗c6

5...♔d7 6.♘b6++-

6.♘a5+-

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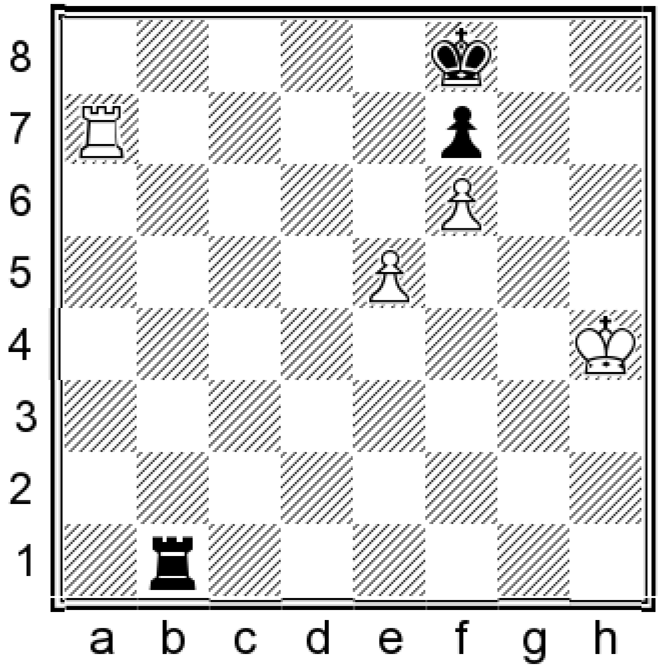

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1...♔e8=

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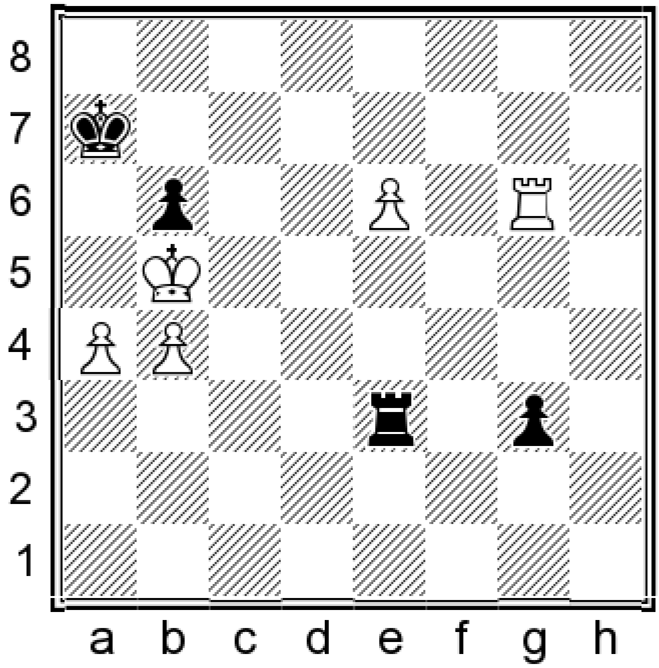

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1.♖g7+

1.♔c6?? g2! 2.♔d7 (2.♖g7+ ♔a6! 3.♔d6 ♖e2 4.♖g4 ♔b7=) 2...♖d3+ 3.♔e8 ♖d2 4.♖g7+ ♔a6 5.e7 ♖e2 6.♖g6 ♔b7 7.b5 ♖f2= 8.♔d7 ♖d2+ 9.♔e6 ♖e2+ 10.♔f7 ♖f2+ 11.♔g8 ♖e2 12.♔f7 ♖f2+ 13.♔e8 ♔c7 14.♖g7 ♖e2 15.♖g4 ♖f2 16.♖g6 ♔b7 17.♔d7 ♖d2+ 18.♔e6 ♖e2+ 19.♔f7 ♖f2+ 20.♔g8 ♖e2 21.♖g7 g1=Q 22.♖xg1 ♖xe7 23.♖g4 ♔c7 24.♔f8 ♖e1 25.♖c4+ ♔b7 26.♔f7 ♖f1+ 27.♔e6 ♖e1+ 28.♔f5 ♖f1+ 29.♔e5 ♖e1+ 30.♖e4 ♖h1 31.♔d5 1/2 : 1/2 Ivanisevic, Ivan 2645 - Safarli,Eltaj 2694

1...♔b8 2.♔xb6 ♖xe6+ 3.♔a5+-

4. Li, Chao (2746) - Giri, Anish (2755)
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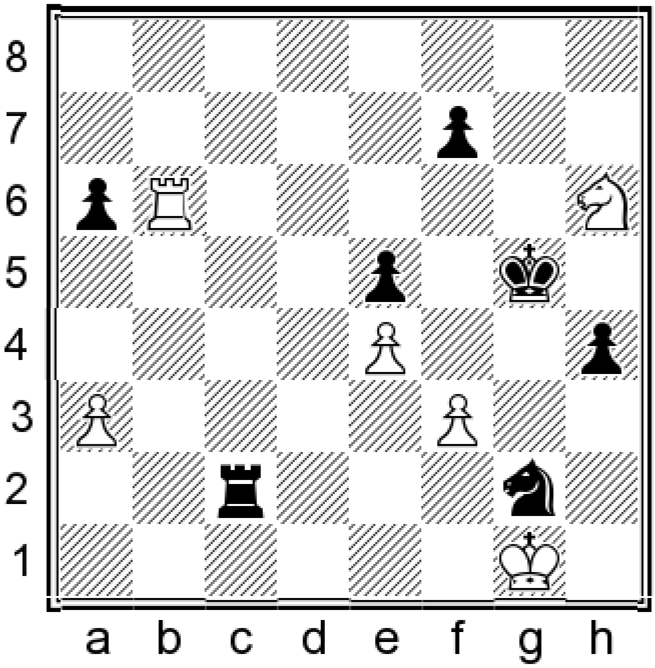

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2.♘xf7+ ♔f4 3.♖f6+ ♔g3 4.♖g6+

4.♘xe5 ♖c1 5.♖g6+ ♔f4 6.♘g4 ♘xf3+ 7.♔g2 (7.♔f2 ♖c2+ 8.♔f1 h3-+) 7...♖g1+ 8.♔f2 ♖xg4 9.♖f6+ ♔xe4 10.♖xf3 ♖f4-+

4...♔xf3 5.♘xe5+ ♔xe4 6.♖e6 ♔f5 7.♖e8 ♖a2 8.♔h1 a5 9.♔g1 a4 10.♔h1 ♖xa3 11.♘c4 ♖a1-+

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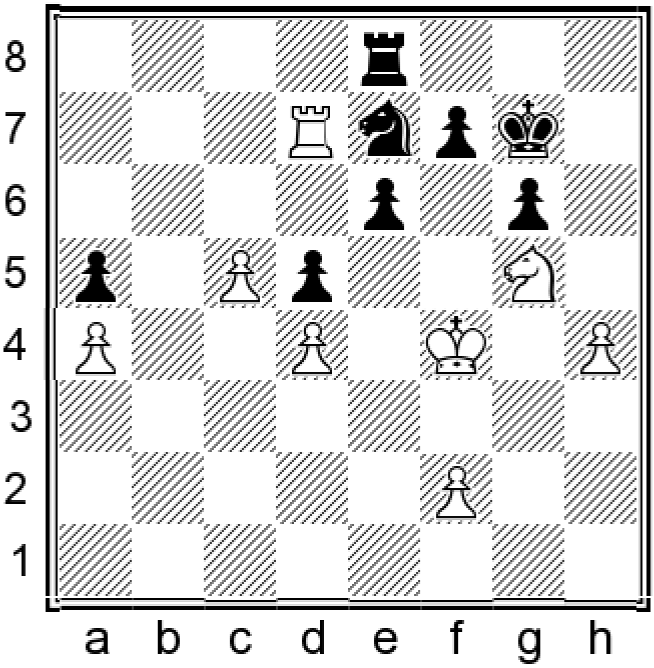

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1.♔e5!

1.♖b7+-

1...f6+

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2.♔xe6 fxg5 3.♖xe7+ ♖xe7+ 4.♔xe7 gxh4 5.c6 h3 6.c7 h2 7.c8=Q h1=Q 8.♕f8+ ♔h7 9.♕f7+ ♔h6

9...♔h8 10.♕f6+ ♔h7 11.♔f7+-

10.♕f4+ ♔h5 11.♔f6 ♕g2 12.♕g3

12.♕g3 ♕xg3 13.fxg3 g5 14.♔f5 ♔h6 15.g4+-1-0

6. Sadikin, Irwanto (2327) - McShane, Luke J (2671)
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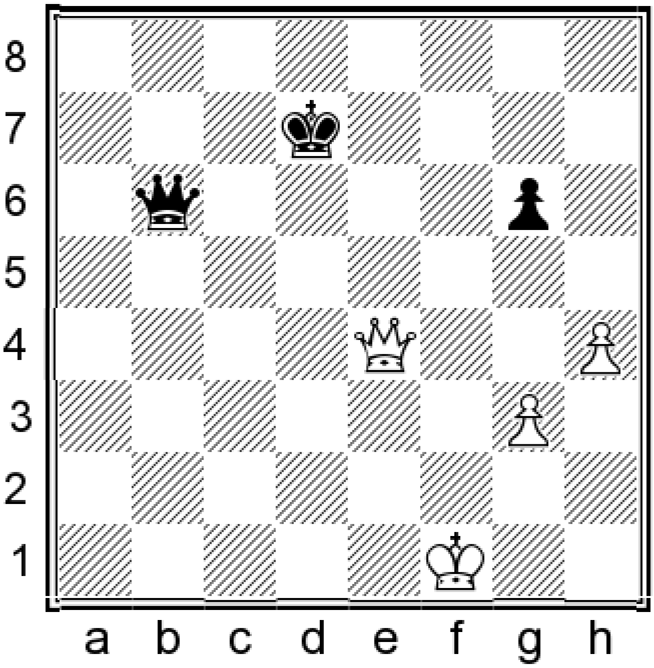

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2.♕xe6+ ♔xe6 3.g4

3.♔e2 g5!=

3...♔f7=

7. Muzychuk, Mariya (2532) - Khotenashvili, Bela (2426)
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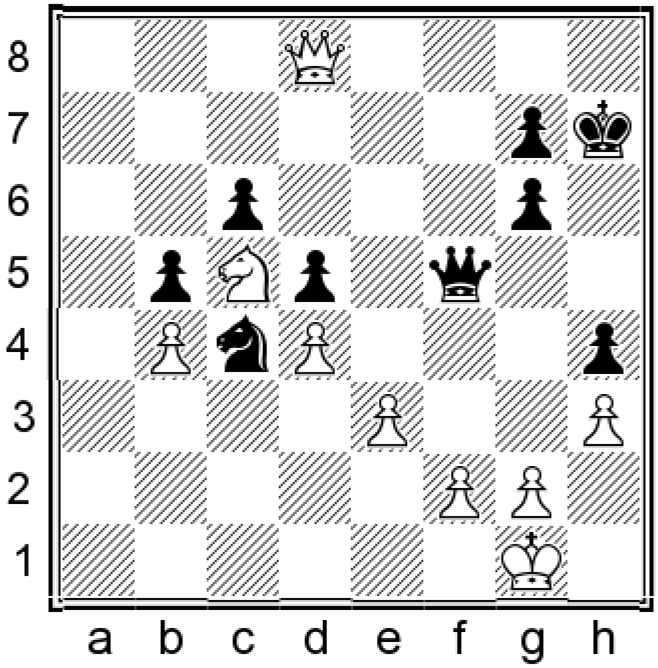

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8. Murshed, Niaz (2439) - Urkedal, Frode Olav Olsen (2537)
Baku (ol), 2016
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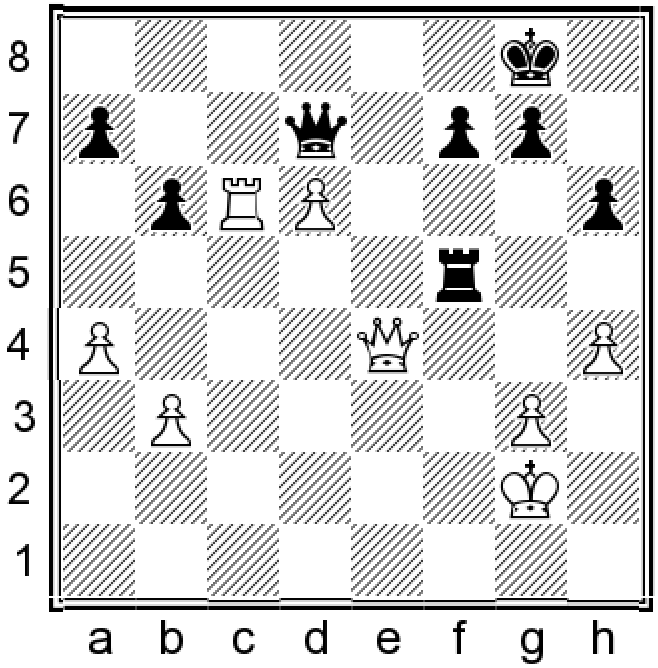

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9. Ding, Liren (2764) - Inarkiev, Ernesto (2716)
Novi Sad, 2016
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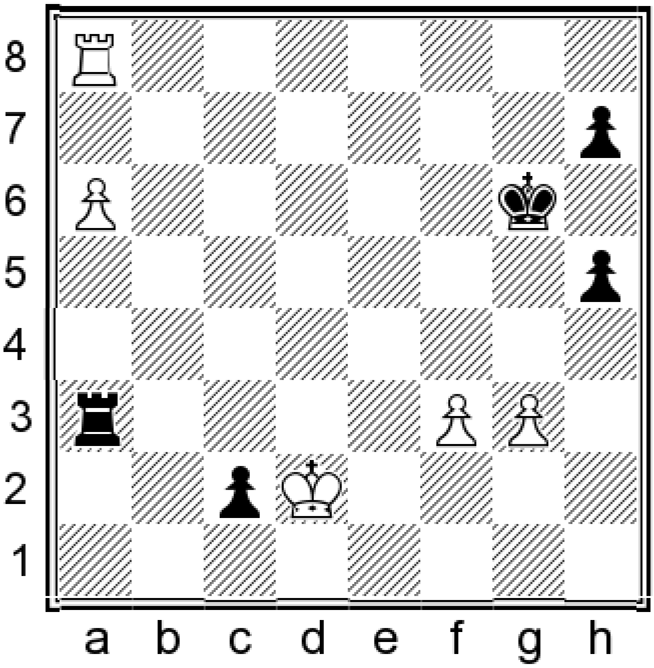
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TOURNAMENTS

ROCKVILLE, VIII 2016
5th Washington International
(67 players, 9 rounds)

1. Moradiabadi 7, 2–6. Smirin, G. Kamsky, C. Holt, Kiewra, A. Shen 6½, 7–8. P. Balakrishnan, J. Sheng 6, 9–16. S. Sevian, S. Arun Prasad, Dar. Yang, Bregadze, Jay. Ashwin, Ra. Preotu, Dé. Boros, Bodek 5½, 17–27. J. Friedel, E. Perelshteyn, Kaiqi Yang, N. Checa, Mulyar, At. Shetty, Hilby, M. Song, Ben Li, Betaneli, Sah. Sinha 5, etc.

SPLIT, VIII 2016
6th Split Open
(195 players, 9 rounds)

1–2. Saša Martinović, Kožul 7½, 3–8. Ante Brkić, O. Cvitan, Šale, P. Jaracz, Ju. Plenča, Armanda 7, 9–17. A. Tomazini, M. Milenković, F. Pavić, Jo. Henriksson, Z. Plenković, G. Drnovšek, Ostović, Srbis, Rodi 6½, etc.

AGEN, VIII 2016
91st French Chess Championship

cat. XIV (2587)

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		
1	M. CORNETTE	g	2581	■	½	0	½	1	1	½	½	1	1	6	1
2	Y. GOZZOLI	g	2573	½	■	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	½	5½	2–3
3	J.-F. JOLLY	m	2361	1	½	■	0	0	1	½	½	1	1	5½	2–3
4	FRESSINET	g	2677	½	½	1	■	½	½	½	½	½	½	5	4
5	EDOUARD	g	2647	0	½	1	½	■	½	1	½	0	½	4½	5–6
6	CH. BAUER	g	2620	0	½	0	½	½	■	0	1	1	1	4½	5–6
7	GHARAMIAN	g	2637	½	0	½	½	0	1	■	½	½	½	4	7–8
8	S. MAZÉ	g	2627	½	0	½	½	½	0	½	■	½	1	4	7–8
9	A. DEMUTH	g	2545	0	½	0	½	1	0	½	½	■	½	3½	9
10	S. FELLER	g	2602	0	½	0	½	½	0	½	0	½	■	2½	10

BRUGES, VIII 2016
Bruges Masters
(101 players, 9 rounds)

1. Epishin 7½, 2–4. Alb. David, Aw. Liang, Geirnaert 7, 5–11. L. van Foreest, Th. Chartier, Luminet, J. Vandendriessche, B. Decrop, Tolk, T. Cocquyt 6½, 12–16. Goormachtigh, R. Valenti, Menichelli, R. Barzeele, Verkimpe 6, etc.

WIEN, VIII 2016
Vienna Open
(310 players, 9 rounds)

1. Ragger 8, 2–3. Vetoshko, Keymer 7½, 4–12. Buhmann, D. Shengelia, Pe. Schreiner, Tho. Koop, E. Vorobiov, K. Rathnakaran, S. Nitin, Ponížil, Dauth 7, 13–24. D. Mastrovasilis, R. Gajek, Marco Baldauf, Hertneck, Si. K. Williams, Leenhouts, Dedebaş, J. Heinemann, P. Sadilek, Tomov, Gstach, Barle 6½, etc.

Tomov, Gstach, Barrie 6½, etc.

BARCELONA, VIII 2016
18th Sants Open

(336 players, 10 rounds)

1–6. J. Cori Tello, Ma Qun, Cr. Cruz, J. Moussard, Wan Yunguo, Sasikiran 8, 7–14. Arty. Timofeev, Zeng Chongsheng, Vera Sigueñas, Ax. Delorme, C. Sandipan, Harutyunian, Movsziszian, Lorenzo De La Riva 7½, 15–31. Ax. Bachmann, V. Baghdasaryan, Gómez Garrido, Alonso Rosell, Satyapragyan, Barrientos, V. Kunin, Goh Wei Ming Kevin, Admiraal, A. Stella, J. A. Cuartas, P. Brochet, Agüero Jiménez, Saravanan V., Jon. Cruz, Valdés Romero, Kobo 7, 32–59. Cr. Ríos, Reshef, B. González Acosta, Fi. Cruz, Lin Chen, Lapshun, K. H. Grigoryan, Mu Ke, J. F. Cubas, Díaz Camallonga, A. Fier, Fe. Fernández, J.-Ch. Schröder, Ortega Amarelle, T. S. Petrosyan, Mads Hansen, Vehi Bach, A. Colmenares, Mat. Latorre, La. Ootes, C. Lujan, Bailet, Kvetny, A. Tate, Serra Pagés, W. Cu Hor, N. Zwirs, Lattanzio 6½, etc.

ABU DHABI, VIII 2016
23rd Abu Dhabi Masters

(137 players, 9 rounds)

1. Andreikin 7½, 2–3. Adhiban, B. Amin 7, 4–9. Predke, A. R. Salem, A. Areshchenko, K. Dragun, B. Lalith, Iturrizaga Bonelli 6½, 10–22. An. Demchenko, Kuzubov, Alexander Zubov, B. Savchenko, Aryan Chopra, Wang Hao, P. Prohászka, Ah. Adly, T. Bánusz, Z. Andriasian, C. R. G. Krishna, S. Azarov, Su. Vaibhav 6, 23–37. Rajaram R. R. Laxman, Mekhitarian, M. Al. Antipov, Mo. Ly, Vl. Fedoseev, Vishnu Prasanna, Oleksiyenko, Z. Efimenko, D. Sengupta, Ant. Kovalyov, G. Oparin, N. R. Vignesh, D. Eggleston, Dimakiling, V. Antonio 5½, etc.

AMSTERDAM, VIII 2016
Dutch Championship

cat. XIV (2591)

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	J. VAN FOREEST	g	2601	■	½	1	1	0	1	1	1	5½	1
2	VAN WELY	g	2657	½	■	½	1	1	½	1	½	5	2
3	E. L'AMI	g	2606	0	½	■	½	½	½	1	½	3½	3–4
4	VAN DEN DOEL	g	2575	0	0	½	■	½	1	½	1	3½	3–4
5	REINDERMAN	g	2584	1	0	½	½	■	½	0	½	3	5–6
6	B. BOK	g	2599	0	½	½	0	½	■	½	1	3	5–6
7	JAN WERLE	g	2567	0	0	0	½	1	½	■	½	2½	7
8	S. ERNST	g	2535	0	½	½	0	½	0	½	■	2	8

HAMEDAN, VIII 2016
13th Avicenna Open

(67 players, 9 rounds)

1. Shirov 7, 2–7. Gabuzyan, Ho. Hayrapetyan, Ghaem Maghami, Vu. Rasulov, Sivuk, Tiviakov 6½, 8–10. Morchiashvili, Bernadskiy, A. Valizadeh 6, 11–16. Mosadeghpour, S. K. Mousavi, N. Fendereski, O. Noroozi, Harutjunyan, Ev. Egorov 5½, etc.

GREENSBORO, VIII 2016
US Chess Masters

(83 players, 9 rounds)

1. Stukopin 7, 2–5. Zherebukh, Al. Ramirez Alvarez, Yu. Quesada Pérez, Gareyev 6½, 6–13. G. Kamsky, Shimanov, A. Chandra, S. Sevian, K. Priyadharshan, Al. Shabalov, Gorovets, Aw. Liang 6, 14–24. Nyzhnyk, O. Ruiz Sánchez, A. Fishbein, Panjwani, At. Shetty, A. Zapata, Li Ruifeng, Bregadze, Kavutskiy, Virkud, Ynojosa Aponte 5½, etc.

Ruifeng, Bregadze, Kavutskiy, Virkud, Ynojosa Aponte 5½, etc.

BAKU (ol), IX 2016
42nd World Chess Olympiad

OPEN

(180 teams, 11 rounds)

1. USA 20*/413,5**/31,5*** [F. Caruana 7/10, Hi. Nakamura 7½/11, W. So 8½/10, S. Shankland 5½/8, R. Robson 3/5], 2. Ukraine 20/404,5/31,0 [Eljanov 5/9, R. Ponomariov 4½/8, Y. Kryvoruchko 6/9, A. Korobov 7/9, A. Volokitin 8½/9], 3. Russia 18/419,0/32,0 [Sergey Karjakin 6/9, V. Kramnik 6½/8, Tomashevsky 4/7, Nepomniachtchi 8/10, A. Grischuk 7½/10], 4—10. India 16/350,5/27,5 [P. Harikrishna 5½/9, Adhiban 6½/11, S. Vidit 8/11, S. P. Sethuraman 5½/11, Mur. Karthikeyan 2/2], Norge 16/344,5/26,5 [M. Carlsen 7½/10, J. Hammer 4½/11, A. Tari 6½/11, Urkedal 7½/11, N. Getz ½/1], Türkiye 16/341,5/30,0 [D. Šolak 6/10, A. Ipatov 7½/10, Mustafa Yilmaz 7/11, E. Can 5½/8, B. Esen 4/5], Polska 16/331,0/29,5 [R. Wojtaszek 7½/10, J.-K. Duda 7/10, Mat. Bartel 6/10, Piorun 2½/5, D. Świercz 6½/9], France 16/326,5/30,0 [Vachier-Lagrave 6½/9, S. Mazé 6/10, Edouard 5/8, Fressinet 7/8, Ch. Bauer 5½/9], England 16/323,0/26,5 [Mi. Adams 6/9, D. Howell 4/10, McShane 3/7, G. Jones 7/9, N. Short 6½/9], Peru 16/306,0/26,5 [E. Córdova 5/10, J. Cori Tello 8/10, Vera Sigueñas 6/10, Cr. Cruz 5/9, Fe. Fernández 2½/5], 11—23. Canada 15/368,5/30,5, Azerbaijan 1 15/352,0/28,5, China 15/348,0/29,0, Belarus 15/332,0/27,5, Magyarország 15/329,0/29,0, Iran 15/318,0/28,0, Latvija 15/316,0/26,5, Greece 15/309,5/25,5, Paraguay 15/298,5/26,5, Slovenija 15/294,0/27,0, Hrvatska 15/292,0/26,0, Italia 15/284,5/26,0, Brasil 15/266,5/26,0, 24—34. Georgia, Cuba, Azerbaijan 2, Israel, Kazakhstan, Česko, Australia, España, Argentina, România, Bosna i Hercegovina 14, 35—57. Moldova, Nederland, Deutschland, Srbija, Uzbekistan, Schweiz, Portugal, Vietnam, Österreich, Chile, Danmark, Venezuela, Crna Gora, Qatar, Azerbaijan 3, Turkmenistan, Mongolia, Indonesia, Belgique, Ecuador, Suomi, Costa Rica, Albania 13, 58—75. Philippines, Sverige, Ísland, Slovensko, Egypt, Singapore, Zambia, Lietuva, Bulgaria, FYROM, Japan, Scotland, Jordan, Sudan, Bolivia, Nigeria, IPCA, Angola 12, 76—93. Bangladesh, Eesti, Algeria, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Ireland, Monaco, Colombia, Uruguay, Wales, United Arab Emirates, Chinese Taipei, IBCA, ICCD, Barbados, Nicaragua, Zimbabwe, Iraq 11, 94—116. México, New Zealand, Luxembourg, South Africa, Morocco, Dominican Republic, Pakistan, Faroe Isles, Jamaica, Andorra, Trinidad & Tobago, Myanmar, El Salvador, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Kosovo*, Honduras, Bahrain, Palestine, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mauritius, Saudi Arabia 10, 117—133. Cyprus, Syria, Thailand, Nepal, South Korea, Namibia, Kuwait, Libya, Ethiopia, Uganda, Panama, Malawi, Tunisia, Sao Tome & Principe, Oman, Macau, Malta 9, 134—147. Malaysia, Afghanistan, Guernsey, Brunei, Ivory Coast, Mozambique, Puerto Rico, Somalia, Surinam, Jersey, Guatemala, Botswana, Aruba, Guam 8, 148—157. Netherlands Antilles, Hong Kong, Maldives, San Marino, Haiti, Mauritania, Ghana, Liechtenstein, Lesotho, Bahamas 7, 158—163. Bermuda, Tanzania, Fiji, Gambia, Papua New Guinea, Palau 6, 164—167. Guyana, Togo, Eritrea, US Virgin Isles 5, 168—169. Congo, Swaziland 4, 170. Djibouti 2, 171—180. Kenya, Cameroon, Mali, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Liberia, Seychelles, Burundi, Senegal, Central African Republic 0

WOMEN

(140 teams, 11 rounds)

1. China 20*/416,0**/31,0*** [Hou Yifan 5½/8, Ju Wenjun 7½/11, Zhao Xue 3½/6, Tan Zhongyi 9/11, Guo Qi 5½/8], 2. Polska 7/427,5/33,0 [M. Soćko 5½/10, J. Zawadzka 6/9, Szczepkowska-Horowska 6½/8, K. Kulon 9/11, Mari. Wozniak 6/6], 3. Ukraine 17/404,5/30,5 [A. Muzychuk 7½/10, M. Muzychuk 6½/10, N. Zhukova 5/9, Ushenina 6½/9, I. Gaponenko 5/6], 4—9. Russia 16/380,5/29,0 [A. Kosteniuk 6/10, Gunina 8/10, Goryachkina 4½/9, Pogonina 6/8, O. Girya 4½/7], India 16/342,5/28,0 [D. Harika 6/10, Padmini 4½/10, Tania 7/10, Sw. Soumya 8/11, B. Pratyusha 2½/3], United States of America 16/332,5/27,0 [Krush 6/11, Paikidze 5½/10, A. Zatonskih 7/11, Kat. Nemcova 6/9, S.-F. Foişor 2½/3], Vietnam 16/328,0/27,5 [Pham Le Thao

Nguyen 6½/11, Hoang Thi Bao Tram 5½/11, Nguyen Thi Mai Hung 8/11, Nguyen Thi Thanh An 7½/11], Azerbaijan 1 16/309,0/25,5 [Z. Mamedjarova 4½/10, Gun. Mammadzada 5½/10, Guln. Mammadova 7/9, Hojjatova 4/8, N. Kazimova 4½/7], Israel 16/307,5/26,5 [Y. Shvayger 6/11, Efroimski 5½/10, Klinova 4/8, Gutmakher 8/11, M. Lahav 3/4], 10—18. Georgia 15/356,5/30,5, Iran 15/337,5/31,0, Lietuva 15/324,0/29,0, Srbija 15/321,5/28,5, France 15/320,0/29,0, Bulgaria 15/309,5/27,0, Magyarország 15/304,0/26,0, Belarus 15/296,0/28,0, Cuba 15/272,0/25,5, 19—29. România, Mongolia, Nederland, Uzbekistan, Sverige, Slovenija, Malaysia, Eesti, Ecuador, Peru, Österreich 14, 30—43. Azerbaijan 3, Deutschland, Azerbaijan 2, Colombia, Philippines, Italia, Argentina, Kazakhstan, Singapore, Canada, Hrvatska, Schweiz, Norge, Belgique 13, 44—58. Latvija, España, Türkiye, Slovensko, Brasil, Greece, Moldova, Česko, México, Crna Gora, Egypt, Bosna i Hercegovina, Kyrgyzstan, Luxembourg, Syria 12, 59—74. England, Turkmenistan, Portugal, Algeria, Indonesia, Australia, Paraguay, Puerto Rico, Chile, FYROM, Suomi, Wales, Tajikistan, South Africa, Costa Rica, Zambia 11, 75—88. Sri Lanka, Scotland, Bangladesh, Ísland, New Zealand, Albania, ICCD, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Guatemala, Panama, Jamaica, Botswana, Tunisia 10, 89—106. Denmark, Jordan, Bolivia, United Arab Emirates, Uruguay, South Korea, Ireland, Japan, Monaco, Hong Kong, Iraq, El Salvador, Surinam, IPCA, Honduras, Zimbabwe, Morocco, Chinese Taipei 9, 107—116. Angola, Trinidad & Tobago, Malta, Dominican Republic, Qatar, Thailand, Nepal, Kenya, Palestine, Aruba 8, 117—126. Uganda, Mozambique, Netherlands Antilles, Lesotho, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Namibia, Malawi, Sudan, Maldives 7, 127—130. Guyana, Barbados, Guam, Fiji 6, 131. Swaziland 5, 132. Kuwait 4, 133. Ghana 3, 134. Tanzania 2, 135—140. Seychelles, Rwanda, Central African Republic, Djibouti, Liberia, Sierra Leone 0

* Matchpoints (2 for wins, 1 for draws, 0 for losses)
** Olympiad-Sonneborn-Berger-Tie-Break without lowest result (Khanty-Mansiysk)
*** Points (game-points)

BAKU (open), IX 2016
Baku Open

(52 players, 9 rounds)

1. S. Bogdanovich 7½, 2—3. Sjugirov, V. Artemiev 6½, 4—8. N. Abasov, Idani, C. Lupulescu, B. Amin, Vu. Rasulov 6, 9—15. U. Bajarani, Lenderman, S. Golubov, Elv. Bayramov, S. J. Alavi, Pourramezanali, Paramzina 5½, etc.

KHANTY-MANSIYSK, IX–X 2016
World Youth Championships

Open U-18

(65 players, 11 rounds)

1. Ma. Petrosyan (ARM) 9, 2. Vavulin (RUS) 8½, 3—4. Lorparizangeneh (IRI), D. Kollars (GER) 8, 5—7. Fy Rakotomaharo (MAD), V. Dragnev (AUT), S. K. Mousavi (IRI) 7½, 8—12. B. Bellahcene (FRA), V. Şanal (TUR), A. Timerkhanov (RUS), Ł. Jarmuła (POL), Escalante Ramírez (PER) 7, 13—19. Ja. Plenca (CRO), R.-C. Toma (ROU), J.-S. Christiansen (NOR), I. Kalogeris (GRE), M. Khodashenas (IRI), Mat. Marek (CZE), Ad. Kandil (EGY) 6½, 20—28. Aram Hakobyan (ARM), Ad. Rahman (UZB), M. Song (CAN), To. Georgiev (BUL), Akhvlediani (GEO), Rajdeep Sarkar (IND), A. Erenberg (ISR), Mart. Ch. Huber (AUT), Gretz (GER) 6, etc.

Open U-16

(88 players, 11 rounds)

1. H. Martirosyan (ARM) 9, 2. Triapishko (RUS) 8½, 3—7. Tran Minh Thang (VIE), T. Fakhrutdinov (RUS), R. Kevlishvili (NED), L. Livaić (CRO), Costachi (ROU) 8, 8—17. M. A. Tabatabaei (IRI), Bah. Özen (TUR), Maghsoodloo (IRI), Z. Agmanov (KAZ), K. S. Raghunandan (IND), Hilby (USA), Tahbaz (IRI), Pultinevičius (LTU), S. Saydaliev (UZB), Sergei Lobanov (RUS) 7, 18—25. L. Moroni jr. (ITA), V. Gažík (SVK), S. Elistratov (RUS), Ary. Gholami (IRI), Makhnyov (KAZ), A.-B. Banzea (ROU), Ko. Urban (GER), Turar (KAZ) 6½, etc.

Makhnyov (KAZ), A.-B. Banzea (ROU), Ko. Urban (GER), Tural (KAZ) 6½, etc.

Open U-14
(75 players, 11 rounds)

1–2. Lomasov (RUS), An. Esipenko (RUS) 9, 3–4. Yakubboev (UZB), Sha. Sargsyan (ARM) 8, 5–7. Teclaf (POL), D. T. Peng (USA), P. Iniyan (IND) 7½, 8–14. Zhao Chenxi (CHN), Art. Davtyan (ARM), Blohberger (AUT), K. Shevchenko (UKR), Zarubitski (BLR), Da. Pavlov (RUS), V. Ivić (SRB) 7, 15–24. K. Shubin (RUS), M. Pitzanti (ITA), G. Sam (USA), R. Marchuk (RUS), Zhou Junfeng (CHN), Zhalmakhanov (KAZ), Quirhuayo Chumbe (PER), Neelash Saha (IND), Stoleriu (ROU), F. B. Olsen (DEN) 6½, etc.

Girls U-18
(52 players, 11 rounds)

1. Tsolakidou (GRE) 9, 2–4. A. Obolentseva (RUS), M, Lahav (ISR), I. Drogovoz (RUS) 8, 5–6. N. Khomeriki (GEO), Uuriintuya (MGL) 7½, 7–8. Kh. Balajayeva (AZE), I.-G. Stanciu (ROU) 7, 9–17. S. Ghukasyan (ARM), J. Heinemann (GER), M. Mahalakshmi (IND), S. Krasnokutskaya (UKR), Abdusattorova (UZB), Lingur (RUS), L. Fuentes Godoy (MEX), L. Unuk (SLO), Fiadosenka (BLR) 6½, 18–22. Gažíková (SVK), A. Santeramo (ITA), Marjina (RUS), Shivacheva (BUL), A. Mamontova (RUS) 6, etc.

Girls U-16
(58 players, 11 rounds)

1. Aakanksha Hagawane (IND) 9, 2–3. Alinasab (IRI), Shuvalova (RUS) 8½, 4–5. A.-M. Kazarian (NED), Yao Lan (CHN) 8, 6–9. D. Vázquez Maccarini (PUR), Nguyen Hong Ngoc (VIE), K. Priyanka (IND), Radeva (BUL) 7, 10–18. Yakubbaeva (UZB), Hreščak (SLO), Amina (MGL), Śliwicka (POL), Arp. Grigoryan (ARM), D. Di Benedetto (ITA), O. Martynkova (UKR), F. Sieber (GER), A. Afonasieva (RUS) 6½, etc.

Girls U-14
(71 players, 11 rounds)

1. Zhu Jiner (CHN) 8½, 2–5. Al. Maltsevskaya (RUS), Annie Wang (USA), Badelka (BLR), Vantika Agrawal (IND) 8, 6–8. Antova (BUL), G. Beydullayeva (AZE), Ulziikhishigjargal (MGL) 7½, 9–15. Goltseva (RUS), Salonika (IND), A. Zotova (RUS), Priyanka Nutakki (IND), Z. Urh (SLO), Y. Vinokur (RUS), D. Filippova (RUS) 7, 16–20. E. Koroleva (RUS), J. Gómez Barrera (CHI), Aciu (ROU), K. Grischenko (UKR), M. Dongo (PER) 6½, etc.

MOSCOW, IX–X 2016
10th Mikhail Tal Memorial

cat. XXI (2760)

Blitz tournament to decide the draw numbers of the players:
Time Control: 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move

1. Mamedyarov 7½, 2. Aronian 5½, 3–5. Svidler, A. Giri, Nepomniachtchi 5, 6. V. Kramnik 4½, 7. V. Anand 3½, 8–10. Li Chao, Tomashevsky, B. Gelfand 3

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1	NEPOMNIACHTCHI	g	2740	■	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	½	6	1
2	A. GIRI	g	2755	½	■	0	½	1	½	½	½	1	1	5½	2
3	ARONIAN	g	2795	½	1	■	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	5	3–4
4	V. ANAND	g	2776	½	½	½	■	½	½	0	1	½	1	5	3–4
5	SVIDLER	g	2745	½	0	½	½	■	1	½	½	½	½	4½	5–8
6	LI CHAO	g	2746	½	½	½	½	0	■	½	½	½	1	4½	5–8
7	V. KRAMNIK	g	2808	0	½	½	1	½	½	■	0	½	1	4½	5–8
8	MAMEDYAROV	g	2761	0	½	½	0	½	½	1	■	½	1	4½	5–8

8	MAMEDYAROV	g	2761	0	½	½	0	½	½	1	■	½	1	4½	5–8
9	TOMASHEVSKY	g	2731	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	■	½	3½	9
10	B. GELFAND	g	2743	½	0	½	0	½	0	0	0	½	■	2	10

NOVÝ BOR, IX–X 2016
Novoborska Sachova Corrida

			1	2	3	4	
J. HAMMER	g	2651	½	1	½	½	2½
D. NAVARA	g	2742	½	0	½	½	1½

Rapid

			1	2	3	4	
D. NAVARA	g	2742	0	1	1	1	3
J. HAMMER	g	2651	1	0	0	0	1

DOUGLAS, X 2016
chess.com Isle of Man International
(133 players, 9 rounds)

Due to progressive tiebreaks, Eljanov won the first place trophy and the title.

1–2. Eljanov, F. Caruana 7½, 3. A. Naiditsch 7, 4–7. W. So, Shirov, A. R. Salem, D. Howell 6½, 8–19. Hi. Nakamura, Mi. Adams, M. Rodshtein, S. Vidit, Fressinet, Sargissian, Granda Zúñiga, Grandelius, E. L'Ami, Lenderman, S. Brunello, Ch. Aravindh 6, 20–41. P. Lékó, Wang Hao, S. Movsesian, H. Melkumyan, Geo. Meier, Ab. Gupta, J. van Foreest, B. Bok, B. Lalith, Alexa. Donchenko, Sunilduth Lyna, D. Harika, Vishnu Prasanna, J.-Ch. Schröder, Batsiashvili, Abhim. Puranik, Ushenina, Lou Yiping, Praggnanandhaa R., K. Sundararajan, Tania, J. Wallace 5½, etc.

SOCHI, X 2016
Russian Rapid and Blitz Championship
(166 players, 10 rounds)

1–3. Andreikin, Daniil Dubov, Va. Moiseenko 8, 4–8. V. Artemiev, Riazantsev, Dreev, Bologan, B. Savchenko 7½, 9–20. Yuffa, S. Zablotsky, E. Shaposhnikov, Matlakov, I. Khairullin, Ale. Rakhmanov, Ivan Popov, B. Grachev, Morozevich, Chigaev, Sakaev, Pridorozhni 7, etc.

YEREVAN, X 2016
1st Yerevan Open
(137 players, 9 rounds)

1–8. R. Hovhannisyan, Pa. Smirnov (4123425), Bernadskiy, T. L. Petrosian, Ho. Hayrapetyan, Tiviakov, Nabaty, C. Sandipan 7, 9–14. Al. Aleksandrov, Harutyunian, An. Demchenko, R. Vaganian, Babujian, Gabuzyan 6½, 15–25. Art. R. Hayrapetyan, H. G. Vardanian, A. Boruchovsky, Yegiazarian, Tiraturyan, Kotanjian, A. Firouzja, Ter-Sahakyan, T. S. Petrosyan, Kislinsky, Zarinfam 6, etc.

ARLINGTON, X 2016
3rd Washington Chess Congress
(52 players, 9 rounds)

1–5. Sadorra, G. Popilski, Li Ruifeng, Stukopin, D. Brodsky 6½, 6–9. D. Kadrić, Ka.

Drozdowski, V. Belous, Pr. Balakrishnan 6, 10–13. D. Berczes, Rao R. Prasanna, N. Checa, Gorti 5½, 14–20. Raznikov, Ynojosa Aponte, Wegerle, Jian, Ar. Guo, J. Jaquez, Lowinger 5, etc.

ATLANTIC CITY, X 2016
3rd Millionaire Chess Open

(102 players, 9 rounds)

The first seven rounds will be a qualifying round to determine who plays the finals on Millionaire Monday. Four finalists will move on to play two knock–out rounds to determine who wins the top prize.

Rank after Round 7:

1. G. Jones* 6, 2–6. Rauf Mamedov, Jef. Xiong, E. Córdova, D. Świercz, Zhou Jianchao 5½, 7–16. Adhiban, Iturrizaga Bonelli, Akobian, Bruzón Batista, Zherebukh, I.-C. Chirilă, O. Barbosa, Panchanathan, Troff, Aw. Liang 5, etc.

Playoff (rapid):
Time Control: 25 minutes plus 5 seconds increment after each move

				1	2	3	4	5		
1	ZHOU JIANCHAO*	g	2630	■	½	½	½	1	2½	1–2
2	E. CÓRDOVA*	g	2637	½	■	0	1	1	2½	1–2
3	D. ŚWIERCZ	g	2636	½	1	■	0	½	2	3–4
4	RAUF MAMEDOV	g	2678	½	0	1	■	½	2	3–4
5	JEF. XIONG	g	2647	0	0	½	½	■	1	5

Tie-Break

			1	2	
D. ŚWIERCZ*	g	2636	1	1	2
RAUF MAMEDOV	g	2678	0	0	0

* Qualified for the semi finals

Semi Finals:

			1	2	
G. JONES	g	2647	1	½	1½
ZHOU JIANCHAO	g	2630	0	½	½

			1	2	
E. CÓRDOVA	g	2637	0	½	½
D. ŚWIERCZ	g	2636	1	½	1½

For 3rd place:

			1	2	
E. CÓRDOVA	g	2637	0	0	0
ZHOU JIANCHAO	g	2630	1	1	2

Final:

			1	2	
G. JONES	g	2647	0	0	0
D. ŚWIERCZ	g	2636	1	1	2

The last two rounds of the Open section will also be played on Millionaire Monday to determine who wins 5th place and under, as well as to give players a chance to acquire norms.

Standings after round 9:

5—9. Rauf Mamedov, Jef. Xiong, Akobian, Bruzón Batista, Zherebukh 6½, 10—15. S. Shankland, Stripunsky, Panchanathan, E. Perelshteyn, Hambleton, Kaliksteyn 6, 16—24. Iturrizaga Bonelli, Shimanov, S. Sevian, Alej. Ramirez, Troff, Jay. Ashwin, Kaiqi Yang, Sturt, L. Rozman 5½, etc.

SAINT PETERSBURG, X 2016
Chigorin Memorial

(372 players, 9 rounds)

1. K. Alekseenko 8, 2—4. Evgeny Romanov (4148843), G. Kamsky, Sergey Volkov (4122763) 7½, 5—11. Sjugirov, Abdusattorov, Jumabayev, Gusain, V. Artemiev, Sarana, Gordievsky 7, 12—37. Evgeny Alekseev, U. Eliseev, Paravyan, Lu Shanglei, Ponkratov, D. Sengupta, Khalifman, Arty. Timofeev, E. A. Levin, Alexei Fedorov, Al. Aleksandrov, B. Bok, Sadovsky, A. Gogolev, Matinian, K. Stupak, Yuffa, Tran Tuan Minh, D. Lintchevski, T. Iljin, R. Soffer, Swayams, Huzman, Sunilduth Lyna, S. Arslanov (4192826), Tologontegin 6½, etc.

HOOGEVEEN, X 2016
20th Hoogeveen Chess

			1	2	3	4	5	6	
N. SHORT	g	2670	½	½	1	1	½	0	3½
HOU YIFAN	g	2649	½	½	0	0	½	1	2½

			1	2	3	4	5	6	
IV. SOKOLOV	g	2623	1	0	1	0	1	½	3½
J. VAN FOREEST	g	2615	0	1	0	1	0	½	2½

OPEN

(81 players, 9 rounds)

1. Ab. Gupta 7½, 2. C. Sandipan 7, 3—7. B. Lalith, Shyam Sundar M, L. van Foreest, Romanishin, C. Schoppen 6½, 8—11. Rakesh Kumar Jena, S. Ernst, S. Nitin, Vereggen 6, etc.

NOVOSIBIRSK, X 2016
69th Russian Chess Championship Superfinal

cat. XVIII (2684)

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
1	RIAZANTSEV	g	2651	■	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	1	7	1
2	A. GRISCHUK	g	2752	½	■	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	½	6½	2—3
3	TOMASHEVSKY	g	2724	½	½	■	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	1	6½	2—3
4	SVIDLER	g	2745	½	½	½	■	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	6	4

5	VL. FEDOSEEV	g	2665	½	½	½	½	■	½	0	1	½	½	½	1	6	5
6	A. GOGANOV	g	2635	½	½	½	½	½	■	0	½	1	½	½	½	5½	6−8
7	G. OPARIN	g	2617	½	0	½	½	1	1	■	½	½	0	½	½	5½	6−8
8	VITIUGOV	g	2721	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	■	½	½	½	1	5½	6−8
9	D. JAKOVENKO	g	2714	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	½	■	1	½	1	5½	9
10	E. INARKIEV	g	2732	½	½	0	0	½	½	1	½	0	■	½	1	5	10
11	DM. KOKAREV	g	2636	0	0	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	■	½	4½	11
12	D. BOCHAROV	g	2611	0	½	0	½	0	½	½	0	0	0	½	■	2½	12

The top three automatically qualify for next year’s final.

NOVOSIBIRSK, X 2016

cat. VIII (2441)

66th Russian Women's Chess Championship Superfinal

1. A. Kosteniuk 8½, 2. Pogonina 7, 3. A. Bodnaruk 6½, 4−7. Charochkina, O. Girya, Pustovoitova, Gunina 6, 8. E. Ovod 5½, 9. Goryachkina 5, 10. Galliamova 4, 11. Kashlinskaya 3½, 12. Ubiennykh 2

TASHKENT (rapid), X 2016

Amir Timur 680 Rapid

				1	2	3	4	
1	MAMEDYAROV	g	2762	■ ■ ■ ■	1 1 ½ ½	½ ½ ½ ½	½ 1 ½ 1	8
2	B. GELFAND	g	2743	0 0 ½ ½	■ ■ ■ ■	½ 1 ½ 1	½ 1 ½ 0	6
3	KASIMDZHANOV	g	2691	½ ½ ½ ½	½ 0 ½ 0	■ ■ ■ ■	½ ½ ½ ½	5
4	R. PONOMARIOV	g	2709	½ 0 ½ 0	½ 0 ½ 1	½ ½ ½ ½	■ ■ ■ ■	5

SAINT LOUIS, X 2016

SPICE Cup Open

(45 players, 9 rounds)

1−2. S. Sevian, R. Robson 6½, 3−7. Nyzhnyk, Jef. Xiong, Le Quang Liem, Gareyev, Durarbayli 6, 8−13. Li Ruifeng, Shimanov, A. Chandra, Jay. Ashwin, Troff, Kaliksteyn 5½, 14−18. Mi. Brown, A. Grabinsky, K. Priyadharshan, Kiewra, Sukandar 5, etc.
Armageddon playoff: S. Sevian − R. Robson 2 : 0

BATUMI, X 2016

World Cadet Championship

Open U-12
(137 players, 11 rounds)

1. Ni. Kumar (USA) 9½, 2−5. A. Hong (USA), Praggnanandhaa R. (IND), Nihal Sarin (IND), Keymer (GER) 8½, 6−10. Ávila Pavas (COL), Šubelj (SLO), V. Skatchkov (RUS), Üzümcü (TUR), Batsuren (MGL) 8, 11−15. Amartuvshin (MGL), An. Huang (USA), A. Turgut (USA), A. Suleymanli (AZE), Ogłaza (POL) 7½, etc.

Girls U-12
(98 players, 11 rounds)

1. B. Assaubayeva (RUS) 10, 2. Mrudul Dehankar (IND) 9, 3. Divya Deshmukh (IND) 8½, 4−6. Mo. Asadi (IRI), Kamalidenova (KAZ), Mungunzul (MGL) 8, 7−11. Ning Kaiyu (CHN), G. Mironenko (RUS), Bo. Altantuya (MGL), Garifullina (RUS), Samadashvili (USA) 7½, 12−17. N. Matus (USA), Mariam Mkrtchyan (ARM), A. Allahverdiyeva (AZE), Si. Çaglar (TUR), Bondareva (RUS), Sovina (RUS) 7, etc.

BARCELONA, X 2016 cat. XIV (2595)
Barcelona GM

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	ANTÓN GUIJARRO	g	2628	■	1	½	1	½	0	1	1	5	1–2
2	J.-K. DUDA	g	2678	0	■	½	1	½	1	1	1	5	1–2
3	ZVJAGINSEV	g	2673	½	½	■	1	½	1	½	½	4½	3
4	J. M. LÓPEZ MARTÍNEZ	g	2547	0	0	0	■	1	½	1	1	3½	4
5	F. PERALTA	g	2577	½	½	½	0	■	½	0	1	3	5–6
6	ASIS GARGATAGLI	m	2499	1	0	0	½	½	■	½	½	3	5–6
7	A. NAIDITSCH	g	2684	0	0	½	0	1	½	■	½	2½	7
8	MI. MUÑOZ	g	2471	0	0	½	0	0	½	½	■	1½	8

MENTON, X 2016
4th Francophonie Championship
(259 players, 9 rounds)

1–4. Godena, B. Amin, Almagro Llamas, Y. Gozzoli 7½, 5–11. L. Winants, F. Libiszewski, F. Berend, Karr, S. Mazé, Ah. Adly, Berescu 7, 12–28. Aloma Vidal, R. Di Paolo, Bailet, Vezzosi, F. Godart, Ig. Efimov, Lesiège, G. Mirallés, Antonios, Ch. Frick, Ashiku, A. Ek, Giffard, O. Gesing, Najart, P. Lauferon, A. Wauters 6½, etc.

BERLIN, X 2016
Lichtenrader Herbst tournament
(175 players, 9 rounds)

1–2. Chatalbashev, Gabuzyan 7½, 3–7. Han. Stefánsson, H. Teske, And. Kovalev (13500023), W. Heinig, Ahmadinia 7, 8–19. Inkiov, Brüdigam, O. Hîncu, Zo. S. Ilić, S. Feil, Jak. Meister, S. Kasparov, Krefenstein, Barath Madhan, Rettore, Śliwicka, S. Giemsa 6½, etc.

TEHRAN, X–XI 2016
1st Paytakht Cup
(69 players, 9 rounds)

1–2. Toufighi, Harutjunyan 7, 3–5. O. Korneev, Idani, Di. Komarov 6½, 6–12. A. Fier, Vu. Rasulov, Sa. Alavi, Mosadeghpour, P. Darini, Khademalsharieh, Hakemi 6, 13–19. Ghaem Maghami, T. Vahidov, Tahbaz, Bernadskiy, M. Tabatabaei, Pourkashiyan, M. Gholami Orimi 5½, etc.

PALIĆ, X–XI 2016
1st Memorial Boriša Karadžić
(102 players, 9 rounds)

1. N. Sedlak 7½, 2–3. Nabaty, Sr. Narayanan 7, 4–7. Alexander Zubov, R. Faizrakhmanov, Du. Popović, Arty. Timofeev 6½, 8–16. N. Steinberg, J. Škoberne, B. Murtazin, K. Abhishek, L. Drašković, Hasangatin, N. Ostojić, A. Tuna, I. Chekletsov 6, etc.

BAD WIESSEE, X–XI 2016
20th OIBM tournament
(475 players, 9 rounds)

1–7. A. Areshchenko, Nisipeanu, G. N. Gopal, S. Zhigalko, B. Lalith, Ab. Gupta, K. Landa 7½, 8–18. H. Melkumyan, S. Azarov, Kveinys, Sergey Volkov (4122763), Ante Brkić, J.-Ch. Schröder, An. Esipenko, Das Debashis, M. Pap, Re. Stern, P. Wacker 7, 19–40. A. Graf, Buhmann, A. Zhigalko, Roy, Vogel, Kožul, F. Vorobiov, A. Šarić, Khenkin, La. Stark, Thejkumar, V. Dragnev, Ul. Weber, Ilja Schneider, Ch. Singer, F. Osmanodja, E. Guo, M. Weller, D. Nasshan, U. Andersson, Hainke, Pirrot, Buchenau 6½, etc.

TEKIRDAG, XI 2016 cat. XI (2502)
Süleymanpaşa Municipality GM tournament

1. Sivuk 7, 2. E. Atalik 6, 3–4. Ftáčnik 5, Yermolinsky 5, 5. E. Torre 4½, 6–8. B. Damljanović, Th. Luther, Šulava 4, 9. S. Atalik 3½, 10. Danailov 2

NOVI SAD, XI 2016
32nd European Club Cup

OPEN

(62 teams, 7 rounds)

1. Alkaloid 12*/227.5**/29.0*** [Rtg Avg: 2732; Ding Liren 3/5, Andreikin 4½/7, Eljanov 4½/6, D. Jakovenko 3½/6, Yu Yangyi 5½/7, Y. Kryvoruchko 5/7, Tr. Nedev 1/2, Pančevski 2/2; Captain: Dragoljub Jaćimović], 2. Mednyi Vsadnik 11/229.5/30.0 [Rtg Avg: 2716; Svidler 4½/6, L. Domínguez Pérez 2½/6, Vitiugov 4½/6, Bu Xiangzhi 4½/6, Matlakov 4½/6, M. Rodshtein 3½/4, Vl. Fedoseev 5/6, I. Khairullin 1/2; Captain: Vladimir Bykov], 3. SHSM Legacy Square Moscow 11/217.0/30.5 [Rtg Avg: 2675; E. Inarkiev 2/5, Daniil Dubov 5/7, Vl. Malakhov 5½/7, Zvjaginsev 5/6, B. Grachev 4½/6, Najer 4/6, Ivan Popov 4½/5; Captain: Aleksander Zlochevskij], 4. Ashdod 11/214.0/28.5 [Rtg Avg: 2677; Ivanchuk 5½/7, Vallejo Pons 3/6, Smirin 3/6, A. Volokitin 3/6, Alexander Moiseenko 5/6, Ki. Georgiev 4/6, Ar. Kogan 3/3, V. Golod 2/2; Captain: Moshe Slav], 5. Odlar Yurdu 11/207.0/28.5 [Rtg Avg: 2669; Rauf Mamedov 3½/6, T. Radjabov 5½/7, G. Guseinov 4½/5, A. Naiditsch 3½/6, E. Safarli 3½/6, Sutovsky 3½/5, Durarbayli 2½/4, N. Abasov 2/3; Captain: Emil Sutovsky], 6. Syberia 11/207.0/25.0 [Rtg Avg: 2745; V. Kramnik 3/5, A. Giri 4/6, A. Grischuk 3/7, Tomashevsky 3/6, Li Chao 3/6, A. Korobov 5/6, S. Rublevsky 2/4, D. Bocharov 2/2; Captain: Vladimir Vorozheikin], 7. Zhiguli 10/221.0/27.5, 8. AVE Nový Bor 216.5/31.5, 9. VSK Sveti Nikolaj Srpski 10/187.0/25.5, 10. Schachgesellschaft Zürich 10/178.0/28.0, 11. Ladya Kazan 10/166.5/27.5, 12. OR Padova 9/214.0/29.0, 13. AEM Luxten Timişoara 9/153.0/25.5, 14. SV Werder Bremen 9/150.0/23.5, 15. SK Dunajská Streda 9/139.5/22.5, 16. LugPokerChess 9/131.5/23.0, 17. Crvena Zvezda Beograd 9/100.0/22.5, etc.

WOMEN

(14 teams, 7 rounds)

1. Cercle d'Échecs Monte-Carlo 14/152.0/21.5 [Rtg Avg: 2547; Hou Yifan 6/6, A. Muzychuk 4½/7, M. Muzychuk 6½/7, P. Cramling 3/5, Al. Skripchenko 1½/3; Captain: Almira Skripchenko], 2. NONA Batumi 11/127.5/17.0 [Rtg Avg: 2454; Dzagnidze 4/7, Batsiashvili 3½/7, Khotenashvili 4/7, S. Melia 4,5/6, M. Mikadze 1/1; Captain: Marika Japaridze], 3. Ugra Chess Club 10/126.5/17.5 [Rtg Avg: 2451; Ushenina 3½/6, Pogonina 4/6, L. Mkrtchian 2½/6, Nechaeva 3½/5, B. Kovanova 4/5; Captain: Natalia Pogonina], 4. ASD C. S. R. Fischer Chieti 8/78.0/14.5, 5. Odlar Yurdu 8/75.5/14.0, 6. Ladya Kazan 8/62.0/14.0, etc.

* Matchpoints (2 for wins, 1 for draws, 0 for losses)
** Buchholz Tie-Breaks
*** Game-points

SAINT LOUIS, XI 2016 cat. XXII (2785)
Champions Showdown 2016

Classical

Time Control: 60 minutes + 5 seconds increment per move

				1	2	3	4	
1	V. ANAND	g	2779	■ ■	½ ½	½ 1	½ ½	3½
2	V. TOPALOV	g	2760	½ ½	■ ■	0 1	1 ½	3½
3	HI. NAKAMURA	g	2779	½ 0	1 0	■ ■	½ 1	3
4	F. CARUANA	g	2823	½ ½	0 ½	½ 0	■ ■	2

Rapid

Time Control: 15 minutes + 5 seconds increment per move

				1	2	3	4	
1	V. ANAND	g	2779	■ ■	1 ½	½ ½	1 1	4½
2	HI. NAKAMURA	g	2779	0 ½	■ ■	1 1	½ ½	3½
3	F. CARUANA	g	2823	½ ½	0 0	■ ■	½ 1	2½
4	V. TOPALOV	g	2760	0 0	½ ½	½ 0	■ ■	1½

Blitz

Time Control: 3 minutes + 2 seconds increment per move

				1	2	3	4	
1	HI. NAKAMURA	g	2779	■ ■ ■ ■	½ ½ 0 1	1 0 ½ 0	1 1 1 1	7½
2	V. ANAND	g	2779	½ ½ 1 0	■ ■ ■ ■	½ ½ 1 ½	½ 1 ½ ½	7
3	F. CARUANA	g	2823	0 1 ½ 1	½ ½ 0 ½	■ ■ ■ ■	½ 1 0 1	6½
4	V. TOPALOV	g	2760	0 0 0 0	½ 0 ½ ½	½ 0 1 0	■ ■ ■ ■	3

Final Standings

			Classical	Rapid	Blitz	Total Score
1 V. ANAND	g	2779	3½/6	4½/6	7/12	15
2 HI. NAKAMURA	g	2779	3/6	3½/6	7½/12	14
3 F. CARUANA	g	2823	2/6	2½/6	6½/12	11
4 V. TOPALOV	g	2760	3½/6	1½/6	3/12	8

NOVI SAD, XI 2016
Serbian Open

(152 players, 9 rounds)

1–3. Lu Shanglei, Iv. Šarić, Mio. R. Savić 7½, 4. D. Fridman 7, 5–15. Alexander Zubov, Al. Kovačević, Mir. Lazić, D. Sengupta, Lajthajm, D. Dorić, V. Sipilá, D. Leskur, Ja. Plenča, D. Čolović, Costachi 6½, 16–21. Abergel, Sr. Narayanan, Gouloutis, V. Sanal, Bah. Özen, V. Rabrenović 6, etc.

NEW YORK, XI 2016
FIDE World Chess Championship 2016

Time Control: 100 minutes for the first 40 moves, 50 minutes for the next 20 moves and then 15 minutes for the rest of the game plus an additional 30 seconds per move starting from move 1.

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
M. CARLSEN	g	2853	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	0	½	1	½	½	6
SERGEY KARJAKIN	g	2772	½	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	0	½	½	6

Playoff (rapid):
Time Control: 25 minutes + 10 seconds increment per move.

			1	2	3	4	
SERGEY KARJAKIN	g	2772	½	½	0	0	1
M. CARLSEN	g	2853	½	½	1	1	3

KHANTY-MANSIYSK, XI 2016

(26 players, 9 rounds)

1–2. I. Rozum (24104272), D. Khismatullin 6½, 3–4. Dm. Kokarev, Ponkratov 6, 5–7. B. Savchenko, Ale. Rakhmanov, Sergey Volkov (4122763) 5½, 8–10. Pridorozhni, Evgeny Alekseev, Ovetchkin 5, etc.

DALLAS, XI 2016
UT Dallas Fall FIDE Open

(50 players, 9 rounds)

1–2. Jef. Xiong, S. Sevian 7, 3. Gorovets 6½, 4–8. Li Ruifeng, Hold. Hernández Carmenate, C. Holt, Troff, Kaliksteyn 6, 9–14. Mi. Brown, E. Perelshteyn, Raznikov, Gu. Vázquez, D. Bérczes, Rao R. Prasanna 5½, 15–21. Aw. Liang, T. Stremavičius, Stukopin, Á. Arribas López, Le Tuan Minh, Nakar, G. Popilski 5, etc.

MEDIAŞ, XI 2016
10th Kings Rapid and Blitz Match

Rapid:

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
V. KRAMNIK	g	2810	1	1	1	½	1	0	1	0	5½
HOU YIFAN	g	2635	0	0	0	½	0	1	0	1	2½

Blitz:

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
V. KRAMNIK	g	2809	1	1	0	½	1	½	1	0	1	0	6
HOU YIFAN	g	2651	0	0	1	½	0	½	0	1	0	1	4

KHANTY-MANSIYSK, XI–XII 2016
5th and final stage of the FIDE Women's Grand Prix Series 2015–2016

cat. X (2488)

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	

1	JU WENJUN	g	2580	■	1	1	1	½	½	0	½	½	½	1	1	7½	1
2	BATSIASHVILI	wg	2489	0	■	0	½	1	½	1	1	1	½	0	1	6½	2
3	GUNINA	g	2525	0	1	■	0	½	1	1	0	0	½	1	1	6	3–7
4	KHADEMALSHARIEH	wg	2435	0	½	1	■	½	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	6	3–7
5	D. HARIKA	g	2543	½	0	½	½	■	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	6	3–7
6	O. GIRYA	wg	2450	½	½	0	½	½	■	½	½	0	1	1	1	6	3–7
7	A. KOSTENIUK	g	2555	1	0	0	½	½	½	■	½	1	1	½	½	6	3–7
8	N. ZHUKOVA	g	2448	½	0	1	½	0	½	½	■	½	½	½	1	5½	8
9	KHOTENASHVILI	g	2426	½	0	1	½	½	1	0	½	■	0	½	½	5	9
10	POGONINA	wg	2492	½	½	½	0	½	0	0	½	1	■	½	½	4½	10–11
11	L. JAVAKHISHVILI	wg	2461	0	1	0	½	½	0	½	½	½	½	■	½	4½	10–11
12	AL. SKRIPCHENKO	wg	2455	0	0	0	½	0	0	½	0	½	½	½	■	2½	12

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Rank	Player	Monte Carlo	Tehran	Batumi	Chengdu	Khanty-Mansiysk	Total
1	JU WENJUN*		160		93 1/3	160	413 1/3
2	H. KONERU	120	70		145		335
3	GUNINA		45	160		82	287
4	A. KOSTENIUK	65		130		82	277
5	D. HARIKA		45		145	82	272
6	ZHAO XUE		120	70	60		250
7	BATSIASHVILI		15	100		130	245
8	A. MUZYCHUK	30		100	93 1/3		223 1/3
9	M. MUZYCHUK	120		40	60		220
10	KHADEMALSHARIEH	10	120			82	212
11	DZAGNIDZE	50	85	70			205
12	POGONINA	85	85			25	195
13	A. STEFANOVA	65	15		93 1/3		173 1/3
14	HOU YIFAN	160					160
15	O. GIRYA			40	35	82	157
16	N. ZHUKOVA	30	60			50	140
17	P. CRAMLING	85	30		10		125
18	AL. SKRIPCHENKO	30		70		10	110
19	KHOTENASHVILI			10	60	40	110
20	L. JAVAKHISHVILI			40	35	25	100
21	E. DANIELIAN			20			20
21	TAN ZHONGYI				20		20

* Qualified for the match for the crown with the winner of the FIDE Women's World Chess Championship (Iran, 10–28 February 2017).

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